



Special Hearing Advice Week

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UK Hearing Care, provider of Age UK Hearing Aids, would like to welcome local residents to attend a Special Hearing Advice Week being held at a venue in your area. **It's your opportunity to 'start your journey to better hearing'.**

This interesting and informative event will give local residents the opportunity to talk to a local qualified hearing aid audiologist about their hearing concerns. Those attending will receive fully independent and informative hearing advice focusing on improving clarity for those with hearing difficulties.

If you struggle with some degree of hearing loss and are looking to improve on your day to day hearing clarity you should take advantage of this event.

During this Special Hearing Advice Week, our leading independent hearing care professionals will be giving the best advice on hearing in background noise and hearing with improved clarity; as well as special demonstrations on the latest ultra discreet hearing solutions.

UK Hearing Care Clinics are designed to help those with hearing difficulties find the best solution. Our team will advise patients on the options available to them, including signposting people to the NHS.

As demand is expected to be high, it's recommended you book your appointment early. If you would like to attend this event and arrange a FREE hearing assessment, call to make an appointment on 0800 620 0166.

Home appointments available if unable to attend. Please call for further details.

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A home hearing assessment is also free and without any obligation.

Call the number above and request a home appointment.

Hearing in background noise let's make things clear

Receive definitive evidence based advice on what improvements can be made to your hearing in background noise. Learn about any limitations you may have.



How do **Age UK Hearing Aids** make sense of speech in background noise?

Over the years providers of hearing care have become very skilled at defining the actual hearing loss you have using Pure Tone Audiometry (PTA), this is what most people mean when they say having a "hearing test". However, defining the effect a hearing loss can have on our ability to listen and communicate is far harder to calculate.

These tests are used to program hearing aids in a basic way. They don't reliably tell you how the brain is working in respect of processing the sounds. So you can have two people with identical PTA test results but who have VERY different experiences with their hearing and very different abilities to communicate.

Age UK Hearing Aids are tackling the problem of background noise head on by creating an innovative new way of dealing with this issue. It's a popular misconception that your hearing will be improved simply by amplifying what you hear. But one of the most common problems people encounter with hearing difficulties in background noise is that speech remains muffled and

indistinct and that unwanted noise swamps foreground sounds. Simply making sounds louder doesn't make speech any clearer.

How we test our ability to communicate
Age UK Hearing Aids have combined the hearing test with a suite of assessments that provide a 360° analysis of a person's hearing. Each assessment is linked to a phase of communication decline which we have called the **5 phases of communication decline**.



The 5 phases of communication decline

Phase 1 – Sensitivity to sound

The standard Pure Tone Audiometry (PTA) hearing test is used to assess any decline in your sensitivity to sound.

Phase 2 – Speech discrimination in quiet

Free Field Word Recognition Tests are presented through a calibrated loud speaker, to assess any decline in your speech recognition.

Phase 3 – Speech discrimination in noise

A special calibrated Speech in Noise test is used to measure what level speech needs to be, relative to all other competing sounds, for you to be able to follow a conversation. **This is the most commonly reported and most important area of communication difficulty for most patients.**

Phase 4 – Comfort or tolerance to background noise

The Acceptable Noise Level (ANL) test measures at what level you find noise annoying relative to a conversation at a comfortable volume. This assesses any decline in acceptable noise levels.

Phase 5 – Non response to amplification

The audiologist will then program a hearing solution and apply that hearing correction to your ears. An Aided Free Field Word Recognition test is used to assess the potential for improvement and design your rehabilitation pathway.

Using these five different assessment tools can identify how far any damage to your auditory system has progressed and look at the impact on your ability to communicate. After the assessment you will be given a full explanation of the results to ensure you fully understand the nature of your hearing difficulties and its effects.

The audiologist will then give advice on options available and what tailored hearing solution is right for you. As part of the consultation the audiologist can also give you a demonstration of your ideal hearing solution based on technology and best value.

Not all national hearing aid companies offer all these tests as a standard part of their service. You can be confident you are getting the very best assessment available to you.

To book your free hearing assessment call today on **0800 620 0166**



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1,000 people sign petition to save Maesteg Indoor Market



LEFT:
Steve Harris and
Deb Williams of
Carmarthenshire
Dairy Produce.

by **GEM** staff

MORE than 1,000 people, regular customers at Maesteg Indoor Market, signed a petition to keep the 137-building open.

However, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) argues that an alternative proposal would represent a £4 million investment in the town, creating a "cultural hub".

A BCBC spokesman said: "The authority is working with Awen Cultural Trust, who run the building on the council's behalf, to develop plans that could result in a glass atrium being added to the building alongside new performance space, meeting and conference facilities, rooms that can be used by community groups, and stronger links forged with the outdoor market and bus station."

"The plans will also look at shifting the focus of the current indoor market to the outdoor area, which has already benefited from a recent £2.5m refurbishment."

He added that the plans would look at developing some of the indoor space into an all-new library and resource centre which would include a "state of the art" children's library and reading area, providing full disabled access for the first time in the town hall's long history.

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URDD EISTEDDFOD PARADE THROUGH BRIDGEND CENTRE



THOUSANDS of people are expected to march through Bridgend town centre on Saturday, October 8 as part of the May 2017 Bridgend, Taff-Ely Urdd National Eisteddfod Proclamation Festival.

The march will begin at 11.30am from Bridgend College to arrive at Newbridge fields by 12.15pm. Celebrations will continue until 3pm with an afternoon packed full of free entertainment for the whole family.

The afternoon will include performances from Syrcas Circus, S4C's Stwnsh presenters and Cyw characters, goods stalls, the Bridgend Big Band, singer Danielle Lewis, Cpt Smith and performances by local

schools, 'adrannau' (Urdd youth clubs) and groups.

Aled Sion, director of the Urdd Eisteddfod said "The support we have received to date from people in the area to the Urdd Eisteddfod's coming, one of the largest travelling festivals in Europe, has been fantastic."

The route takes in: Nolton Street; Caroline Street; Adare Street; Wyndham Street; Dunraven Place; Queen Street; Angel Street and Newbridge Fields. Drivers are advised to avoid these routes due to the likely congestion.

Around 3,000 children and adults representing local schools, colleges and clubs will be taking part.

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Pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr with a fantastic banner that they have made for Saturday's Urdd parade through Bridgend town centre.

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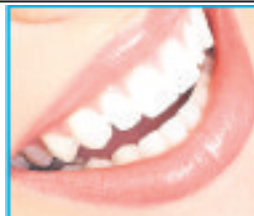


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Mayor officially opens a new Nantymoel business



Julie with the Mayor, Coun Reg Jenkins.

THE official opening of JC Dog Grooming & Kennel Services took place on Wednesday, September 28.

The Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Reg Jenkins said he was pleased to do the honours for a new business in the area.

The owner Julie Caveill said: "I'd like to thank everyone who attended what was an important event for me and the business."

"I'm looking forward to welcoming lots of new customers in the weeks ahead."

The business is based at 60 Vale View Terrace, Nantymoel. For more information, tel: 01656 840 784; mob: 07814 136 565; web: www.jcdoggroomingkennels.co.uk.

Free to call number for medical help and advice

A FREE-TO-CALL phone number is being launched to make it easy for people in the ABMU area to get urgent healthcare support and advice.

A spokesman said that instead of having to ring different numbers to contact NHS Direct Wales or GP out-of-hours, they can now call 111 to access both services.

This will make it far easier for them to get the right advice, support or treatment.

The 111 Wales service is being piloted in a phased approach in ABMU, starting in Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot from Tuesday (October 4).

All residents of those areas can dial 111 to reach NHS Direct Wales at any time. Also, anyone registered with a GP

practice in Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea can use 111 to access GP out-of-hours.

"It's part of a plan to improve urgent and unscheduled care and, if successful, could ultimately be rolled out across the rest of Wales," the spokesman stated.

The 111 model being trialled here is completely different to that in England – in fact it really only has the number in common.

Full information about 111 Wales can be found at: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/Default.aspx?pageId=315&lan=en>

A video about the 111 Wales pilot can be seen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtZJSQ_Abo

Rotarians' countdown to Christmas Tree Festival

THE countdown to Christmas has begun – for the Rotary Club of Porthcawl with plans under way for the Carolcade and the Rotary Post.

Following the huge success of the Christmas Tree Festival instigated a few years ago, the club is inviting local societies, schools, organisations, churches, clubs and groups to book a spot at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, for their Christmas trees – to exhibit what their organisation is all about.

During the period of the Festival there will also be a variety of Christmas events put on by local schools and organisations and is an opportunity for All Saints Church and the Rotary Club to raise funds for local charities.

This year, the festival begins on November 28 and ends on December 5.

For more information, or to book a spot, contact Rotarian Robert Snell at dawnandrob@hotmail.com or 01656 771623. **IVOR WILLIAMS**

PACT meetings

REST BAY and NOTTAGE PACT, Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage on Tuesday, October 11 at 8pm.

BRYNTIRION, LALESTON & MERTHYR MAWR PACT, Laleston on Thursday, October, 13 at 7pm.

NEWCASTLE PACT at Westward Community Centre on Tuesday, October 18 at 6.30pm.

CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD and BRYNHFRYD PACT on Tuesday, October 18 at 6.30pm.

LITCHARD, PENDRE and COITY PACT Litchard Mission, Litchard, on Thursday, October, 27 at 7pm.

MORFA TOWN PACT at Penybont Primary School, Minerva Street on Monday, November, 7, at 6.30pm.

MORFA WILDMILL PACT at the Community Life Centre, The Precinct, Wildmill on Monday, November 7, at 6.30pm.

PORTHCAWL EAST CENTRAL PACT at Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl, on Tuesday, November 15 at 6.30pm.

FELINDRE, HENDRE, PENPRYS (PENCOED) and COYCHURCH PACT at Pencoeed Library, Pencoeed, at 10am, Monday, November 21.

OLDCASTLE PACT at The Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on Monday, November 21 at 6pm.

NEWTON PACT at Newton School Rooms, Newton on Tuesday, November 22, at 6.30pm.

BRACKLA PACT at Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way, Thursday, November 24 at 6.30pm.

Readers' Letters

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They read it in The GEM!

MAY I, on behalf of the Rhose Art Group, thank you so much for publishing an article regarding our 'missing' posters, before the exhibition on October 1.

We had an amazing turnout of over 160 people visiting the exhibition, with many of them saying they read the article in The GEM

UK heading to the front of the queue?

GOOD news (for a change), my brother, who lives in America, is following the US elections and has attended some of Donald Trump's rallies and talked to people close to him.

When Trump is elected in November, the UK is going to the front

of the line for trade and defence – unlike Obama, who wants to send us to the back.

My brother says don't believe all the hype about Mr Trump being a racist; he is a top businessman and a family man.

We will have our special relationship back – and about time too!

Nigel Lloyd, Barry

Will we now know what Brexit means?

LAST week's Readers' Letters really hit the spot! DJ Radford stated: "I voted out because the EU is corrupt," yet fails to see the corruption endemic in the British governing classes!

I voted out and 'achieved' my aims...Cameron removed, politics in flux, and a genuine Socialist party as a Government in waiting, with the largest party membership in Europe and growing. But at the cost of leaving the EU?

Nigel Lloyd asked: "Do we want to be associated with countries that make fun of our food?"

Such intelligent political analysis is priceless.

We can only hope that Theresa May in her private meeting with Rupert Murdoch has received her instructions and can now tell us all what Brexit means. If not could we ask for a general election, or at least ask Alun Cairns to provide some wise words?

Steve Reed, Rhose.

Champion ploughman



Champion ploughman Mike Thomas is pictured being presented with the Alban Wilde Perpetual Cup by Sue Evans, Alban's daughter at the annual Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing Match at Ogmere by Sea on Sunday. Also in the picture is chairman Andrew Studley.

Information is sought on World War 2 servicemen

I AM researching the servicemen who gave their lives in World War Two and have reached an impasse.

There are two names about whom I can find nothing, despite much research through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and various online sites such as Ancestry.com.

They are Gunner I J Parker and Sergeant R E Thomas.

I would be obliged if readers could contact me at home on 01443 222798 or by email at edgeley.thomas@homeca.ll.co.uk should they know anything.

In particular, I would

like to know Christian names, service numbers, regiment and any former home address details, if possible.

My intention is to produce online, and for public consumption, a paper showing who these brave servicemen were and to place on record their sacrifice for our country.

There are 19 names on the memorial and only information on these two has eluded me so far.

I have already completed a paper on World War One servicemen of the Great War who gave their lives and whose names are on the same memorial. Edgeley Thomas.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
06 Thur	09.59	9.0	22.15	8.9
07 Fri	10.33	8.8	22.51	8.5
08 Sat	11.13	8.3	23.33	8.0
09 Sun			12.08	7.9
10 Mon	00.39	7.6	13.26	7.6
11 Tues	02.01	7.5	14.49	7.7
12 Wed	03.29	7.8	16.12	8.3
13 Thur	04.39	8.5	17.07	9.1

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Town traders start their own rogues' gallery

A 'ROGUES' gallery' of shoplifters, vandals and other offenders is being shared by shops and businesses to help crack down on crime and anti-social behaviour in Bridgend town centre.

Nearly 40 businesses in the town have signed up to a new online system that enables them to see and post alerts about known shoplifters who are operating in the area, and also warn others about any anti-social or suspicious behaviour.

Pubs and clubs are also using the secure system to make it easier to identify and ban individuals who have committed violent crime.

The 'DISC' system (Database and Intranet for Safer Communities) was launched in the summer with funding support from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), and can be accessed by traders either through computers or via a smartphone 'app'.

Kate Scourfield, who runs the Phoenix pub in Bridgend, is co-ordinating the initiative.

She said: "We were extremely keen to introduce this system after hearing how effective it has been in reducing crime in other town centres across south Wales including Cardiff, Newport, Barry and Merthyr. Working with the police, we are able to compile a gallery of offenders and share those images among traders so that we know who to watch out for.

"We are also able to keep everyone updated on the latest tactics being used by shoplifters, and report incidents of suspicious behaviour, use of fake IDs, graffiti and vandalism. Basically, anything that businesses would benefit from knowing about."

As well as raising awareness of crime, the system is also being used to share missing person alerts and news of any upcoming events in the town centre.

Coun Ceri Reeves, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "This new system is a very welcome addition which will make Bridgend town centre even safer for traders and shoppers alike. It's an excellent use of modern technology and will greatly assist the work of the police in preventing crime.

"As similar systems are also in place in other south Wales towns, it also enables intelligence to be shared, so that Bridgend's traders are more aware of those shoplifters that are known to be working the M4 corridor to target particular stores. There are numerous advantages of this new system and I am pleased to confirm that funding is in place to introduce it in both Maesteg and Porthcawl over the next few months as well."

Planners give the Porthcawl Marine Centre the go-ahead

THE Porthcawl Maritime Centre has been given the go-ahead, signalling the expansion of Porthcawl Marina.

Porthcawl Harbourside CIC, which is developing Porthcawl Maritime Centre, has announced that full planning permission has been granted.

The Maritime Centre, called Harbourside, will house Porthcawl Sea Cadets and The Welsh Surfing Federation, as well as SeaQuest Coastal Science & Discovery Centre, and leisure and health facilities. It will be built on Cosy Corner, adjacent to the marina.

Michael Clarke, chairman of Porthcawl Harbourside CIC, said: "Today was an immensely important, indeed critical, day for Porthcawl Harbourside CIC, our partners and stakeholders.

"This is a major milestone after four years of hard work, and our submission for full planning approval for the whole development has been fully approved.

"To say we are delighted is an understatement, and we are particularly grateful for the advice we have received from all sections of our local authority in Bridgend."

He went on: "Finalising agreement to lease the Breakwater has been a challenging path for ourselves and our local council. Due to the site being a harbour location, and in a conservation area, the range of statutory marine and other statutory consents and neighbour issues involved is significant.

Commitment, flexibility and dogged determination are words that come to mind. The support, understanding and patience of our Coastal Community colleagues at Big Lottery has been vital.

"Fortunately, we have also had the commitment of our council to secure what will be a fine result for Marina users, the council and ourselves, supporting new direct and indirect employment and increasing visitors to Porthcawl, and benefiting Bridgend county and the wider region.

"This next, imminent stage of the Harbourside project, installation of the boat lift – assisting boat owners, commercial fishermen and RNLI fully illustrates our commitment to improving the area for all areas of the community.

"Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the huge number of people and organisations who took the trouble to write in to support our application."

The news also signalled the green light for a further partnership between Porthcawl Harbourside CIC and operators of Porthcawl Marina.

A boat lift and associated handling equipment will be installed, enhancing the flexibility of the marina, and facilities for berth holders. A storage facility will be available, providing a further capacity of 200 boats, with the availability of additional chandlery services, it was stated.

It is hoped that work on the Maritime Centre will start early next year.

Rotary fireworks display gets the green light in Maesteg town

MAESTEG Rotary Club has announced that its charity fireworks display has been given the go-ahead to take place at Maesteg rugby ground on Saturday, November 5 at 7.30pm, with gates opening at 6.30pm.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Rotary Club and the rugby club, the display has had to be cancelled for the last couple of years, but with the work completed to repair and reopen the clubhouse,

this year's display is able to go ahead.

The Rotary Club of Maesteg has been in existence for over 70 years and has raised thousands of pounds for local charities. The proceeds of the evening will be donated to charity, so we hope spectators will again come along to enjoy the display and at the same time know that they are helping a good cause.

This year, the cost of admittance will be £5 per person, with a family of four £15.

For further information, contact president Gwynfor Phillips on 01656 736102, or Talfyn Harries on 01656 711078.

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CHOIRS FESTIVAL

NEXT week, members of Cor Meibion Maesteg will be making their way to London to take part in the 25th anniversary of the London Welsh festival of choirs at the Albert Hall on Saturday, October 14.

Musical director Rhian Jenkins has been working the choir hard for many months to learn the pieces being sung, and with accompanist, Ryan Wood, will be joining the choir for a weekend of music and fun, as they will be joined at their hotel by Kenfig Hill Male Voice choir.

Call for Poppy Appeal Volunteers

THE Royal British Legion (RBL) is asking for volunteers for the 2016 Poppy Appeal from October 24 to November 12.

Anyone – with military service or not – interested in volunteering should contact Mr Andrew Reekie, Bridgend branch of the RBL, on 01656 669988.



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An evening with Ira D Sankey

THE annual Sankey night, hosted by Horeb Chapel, Nantymoel and presented by Pastor Chris Bluto, will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 6pm.

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EXCITEMENT AT THE SANDVILLE AS A ROYAL VISITOR COMES TO CALL!

AS promised, The GEM is this week featuring more photographs (by Malcolm Nugent) of the Duchess of Gloucester's visit to the Sandville Self Help Centre in Ton Kenfig.

Sandville founder Gwyneth Poacher said: "I find it impossible to describe how enjoyable it was to welcome the Duchess through the doors of Sandville Court."

"After being introduced to the Duchess, I was given the privilege of taking her on a tour of the house and introducing her to my three colleagues, Peggy Parrish, Gary Banks and Gareth Griffiths, followed by the trustees and everyone else present on this occasion – some 300 guests in all."

"It took several weeks to work with the police and plan the day, and believe me, I didn't sleep for two weeks before!"

"I believe it was a huge success and I know

I feel very honoured by having such a gracious lady here. I have received a handwritten letter from Kensington Palace saying how much the Duchess enjoyed the day with a special comment about the beautiful posy of flowers she was presented with.

"My thanks go to Tina Gutteridge who so kindly donated fresh flower arrangements and, more importantly, the posy of flowers for the Duchess."

"I would like to thank everyone who donated money for the sensory garden and the new barbecue area, the food for the barbecue, the commemorative plaque from Paul Crockett and everyone else who turned out to make the Duchess' visit such a fabulous day."

"Last, but not least, I would like to pay a huge big thank you to photographer Malcolm Nugent, The GEM, Barry John for the video and Keith Morgan for his first class write-up in the newspaper".



Council point to £4m investment

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The cabinet of BCBC decided to pursue this option at a meeting on Tuesday, when council Leader Mel Nott said that the building faced a "long period of closure" – whatever option was pursued – due to its poor condition.

Speaking before the cabinet's decision, 75-year-old Pat Evans, of Maesteg, a regular customer at the existing market, said: "Cultural hub? What does that even mean?"

"Anyway, this building and this market are already a 'cultural hub'. They have been part of Maesteg for all of my life, and my entire family's. That's culture!"

"What Pat said is typical of the many people who have signed the petition," said Steve Harris, proprietor of Carmarthenshire Dairy Produce, which has operated from the market for 37 years.

'KEEN TO WORK WITH TRADERS'

At the cabinet meeting, BCBC said it was keen to "work with indoor traders, listen to their concerns and liaise with them on the proposals, as well as support them in finding alternative accommodation – in the event that the redevelopment work goes ahead".

However, Steve Harris may be difficult to convince. Speaking to The GEM prior to the meeting he said: "Thirty-seven years here, but I could be forced out in six months. We have been offered space in the outside market – which was built at a cost of more than £2 million – but rates are far higher than inside."

Steve insisted that should the market close, and businesses could not find accommodation elsewhere, the effects would be serious.

"My two members of staff, who have been with me for more than 20 years each, could lose their jobs, but it goes further than this. I buy and sell hundreds of pounds worth of cold meats from my suppliers, a mum-and-dad operation. If my businesses goes, theirs is equally likely to."

"And just look around this market," invited Steve. "It looks, and is, run down and hasn't even had a lick of paint in years. Yes, thousands of pounds were spent recently on new signs and pictures – but inside, it looks tired. Now I think I know why."

The new signs were launched with some pomp last month, and with local councillors, MPs and AMs in the ubiquitous photo-call.

Customers have also been encouraged to sign a letter addressed to the chief executive of BCBC registering their dismay at the plans.

LETTER 'OBJECTS VERY STRONGLY'

An extract states: "[the market] is an amenity for the benefit of the residents of Maesteg and is being closed with no reference to local people whatsoever."

"I object very strongly to this decision being made by some people with no connection to the area and have no concept of what local people want and need in their locality."

Another trader, speaking on the grounds of anonymity, was blunt: "I don't trust the council. The council has a 'town centre manager' with responsibility for this market, but she hardly ever visits."

"I think this is a done-deal and that we will be thrown out of here and offered units in the outdoor market, units that are more expensive, even with a cut-price rate for the first year or so."

However, BCBC are pointing to problems that have already put the hall's balcony seating out of use and a survey that identified necessary repairs of almost a million pounds.

It says concerns have been raised about the increasing need to carry out extensive repairs to the building's deteriorating infrastructure in order to keep it open and safe to use.

Leader Coun Mel Nott said: "Short-

term repairs to address leaks in the roof and issues with dry rot are currently being carried out, but a longer-term solution still needs to be found if Maesteg Town Hall is to remain open for community use and serve the needs of the community for another 100 years.

"Unfortunately, in order to deliver this major project, the focus of the market would need to be shifted to the outdoor area so that the internal space can be redeveloped, and essential repairs can be carried out on the building."

"I know that this will cause unavoidable disruption, but the fact of the matter is that the building is 135 years old and showing every bit of its age – from its roof right down to the drainage system."

"It requires a vast amount of ongoing maintenance, at a time when resources are becoming ever tighter, and keeping it open while work is carried out is not going to be an option."

"That's what the proposal is about – finding a way of working with Awen Cultural Trust to attract fresh investment of up to £4m into the building that will have economic benefit, ensure the town hall can be maintained, remain in public use, and developed to offer further facilities for the benefit of local people, shoppers and visitors."

'INTEREST IN RELOCATING'

"What these facilities ultimately are depends upon whether sufficient funding and planning permissions can be achieved, but we have already been contacted by some of the traders currently based within the indoor market who are interested in relocating to the outdoor area."

In the event that the plans do go ahead, space currently used by the existing library located within Maesteg Sports Centre could be used to offer new or additional facilities, while there is potential for the library at North's Lane to be sold or incorporated as part of Cwm Calon Day Centre."

Coun Nott continued: "It should be clearly understood that whatever work is carried out to secure the future of Maesteg Town Hall, a long closure of the entire building will still be necessary. Early estimates suggest that this may need to be as long as 18 months, so we would need to help all of the existing indoor stalls relocate for the duration of the work anyway."

The council leader also addressed the issue of a recent £25,000 project to provide the town hall with new signage.

He said: "Although it was recently completed, the project to provide new signage was approved some time ago."

"Since then, the UK has voted to leave the European Union, and the Welsh European Funding Office has advised authorities to accelerate any plans that they may have which incorporate applications for European funding."

"This has resulted in the new signage being installed just a few weeks before we have had to announce that we are seeking to redevelop the town hall."

"Maesteg will always be a market town. In the event that it does go ahead and the focus is shifted to the outdoor market area, the council and Awen will look to either reposition or retain the signage and graphic panels on site, or incorporate some of them in any new role the town hall may have along with certain other features so that the building's history and heritage is suitably acknowledged."

The GEM would like readers' thoughts on the future of Maesteg Indoor Market. Please email gemeditorial@indlnews.co.uk including your name, address and telephone number.

FROM FINISTERE WITH LOVE...



Visitors, hosts, and Rhymney beer!

IN September, members of the Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association, including the mayor and mayoress of Pencoed, visited twin town Plouzane, Brittany, for the 20th anniversary of the signing of the twinning charters.

We were looked after and entertained very well, and programme of events were laid on for us including a number of visits to local sights. An official

evening was held and attended by about 150 people, including visitors from Stelle, Germany – another of Plouzane's twin towns celebrating their 25th anniversary of twinning.

During the evening, speeches were made and gifts exchanged. Pencoed's gifts included a commemorative platter from Ewenny Pottery and Rhymney beer, which was very well received!

Members of Plouzane's twinning organisation will visit Pencoed in 2017.

If anyone would like further information regarding town twinning, contact Mark Steer at marksteer150@gmail.com or telephone 07506337533.

We hold regular social events where you can meet members and find out more about our activities.

We are currently planning a visit to our other twin town, Waldsassen, Bavaria, in July 2017.

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Group aims to make Bridgend first Welsh Bee Friendly town

A NEW group is being launched to make Bridgend the first official 'Bee Friendly' town in Wales with a launch film showing on Monday, October 17 at 7pm in Bridgend Life Centre, Angel Street.

The Welsh Government recently launched a new nationwide scheme for towns, communities, schools, businesses, universities, public bodies and places of worship to encourage action around pollinators under the title Bee Friendly/Caru Gwynnyn (<http://www.biodiversity.wales.org.uk/Wales-Action-Plan-for-Pollinators>).

The four goals are: Food-providing pollinator-friendly food sources in your area; Five star accommodation, –providing places for insect pollinators to live; freedom from pesticides – committing to avoid chemicals that harm pollinators and fun –

involving all the community and telling people why you are helping pollinators.

"We would like to make Bridgend the first town in Wales to be an official 'Bee Friendly' town so we are launching this new project with a special film showing and talk by Friends of the Earth Bee campaigner Bledwyn Lake," a spokesman said.

"This is a great new initiative designed to promote positive local action in helping protect our bees and other pollinators. Schools, towns, communities and others now have the chance to work towards becoming official Bee Friendly areas and receive official accreditation."

"This is probably the first such national scheme of its kind anywhere so let's have some fun, get active, do more to protect bees locally and get Bridgend buzzing," he added.

Urdd Eisteddfod

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From marching brass and samba bands, to circus performers and 'Cyw' characters, it promises to be a packed afternoon to celebrate the showpiece Welsh language youth festival coming to Bridgend College's Pencoed Campus between May 29-June 3, 2017.

The Urdd National Eisteddfod offers a unique opportunity to showcase Bridgend county borough's heritage, and the amazing talents of local young people, and is expected to attract up to 100,000 visitors.

Several local groups have been set up by volunteers to raise the necessary funds for staging Urdd 2017. To find out more about getting involved, email Jordan Morgan-Hughes at Jordan@urdd.org

Concern over Post Office plans to move

FEARS are mounting about the effect on Bridgend town centre if the Post Office moves out of its current building in Dunraven Place.

A Welsh Conservative regional AM, Suzy Davies, backed by some of the party's candidates in next year's council elections, visited the site, as part of their campaign to get the Post Office to drop its plans to move the Crown Office into the basement of WH Smith's shop at the Rhiw Centre.

Mrs Davies said: "Traders have been fighting for years to get Dunraven Place opened back up to traffic, and the pedestrianisation in this part of town reversed. That campaign is on the brink of success, with the council now considering how this can be achieved. "But all the good work in making this part of town more accessible, will be undone if the post office moves away."

Candidate Carolyn Webster, who is standing in Newcastle, said that the party had organised a petition last year with traders, which was signed by 1,300 people, against the continuing pedestrianisation of this part of town.

She said: "Traders in Dunraven Place have been badly hit by declining footfall. They all agree that allowing people to drive in and park for a limited period, as well as enabling taxis to bring people in, would rejuvenate the town centre."

"The Post Office is a key player here drawing in hundreds of people every day. We also have several banks, plus shops, cafes, opticians and dentists which people need to access. To move the post office to a different part of town, would be a massive blow to the new town centre strategy."

Aniel Pucella, who has a gents' hairdressers in Market Street and who is standing in Brackla next May, said that everyone was concerned about what would happen to the building once the post office moved out.

He added: "This is a large unit and it is hard to think of the type of business that would want to go in and which would also create spin-off for other traders."

"We are hoping that the Post Office will change its mind following the consultation currently under way so we need people to object very strongly to this proposal."

MP's busy coffee day

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore enjoyed a morning away from the hustle and bustle of political life – to support the Biggest Coffee Morning for the Macmillan cancer charity around his constituency.

The MP visited four coffee mornings in Cefn Cribwr Community Centre, Pit Pony Tondy, Ty Morfa Centre in Aberkenfig and Bassrock Dry Cleaning Centre in Pencoed.

He reported: "All four coffee mornings were fantastic fun. There's a real community spirit around these events and being able to raise money for charity is a real bonus. It was a pleasure to show my support for Macmillan, and the World's Biggest Coffee Morning really is superb."

Bridgend going Green

BRIDGEND, along with the rest of Wales, will turn green in support of rainforests, on #GoGreenDay (Friday, October 14).

Bridgend College, schools and businesses are joining the national day of action to support climate change charity, Size of Wales.

A spokesperson said: "We're asking people to sign up online to let us know what their plans are and to get their hands on loads of helpful resources."

Find out more at gogreen.sizeofwales.org.uk



DEATH TOLL RISES AT THE FRONT, AT HOME TOWN MOURNS TWO LOCAL 'CELEBRITIES'



FRED NICHOLLS.



MAJOR JOHN LAMBERT.

PORHCRAWL AT WAR, OCTOBER 1916



Dock entrance.



Esplanade Hotel with Marine to the right.

DESPITE the tragedy of war, it was the passing of two other Porthcawlians that affected the residents in October 1916 – James and Mrs Ann Pearce, the oldest residents, at 94 and 92 years respectively – died within four days of each other at the home of their son-in-law sea captain Arthur Mably, 59 St Mary Street.

Their life story is inextricably linked with the development of the town. Born in Porlock, Somerset, into a seafaring family, James's first link with Porthcawl was as a mariner, aboard a cargo ship that brought sheep to the harbour, bound for Swansea and Neath markets. Whilst on the return voyage, the ship would carry limestone from Newton.

In 1853, he and Ann settled in the town, where James acted as the harbour pilot for 42 years, retiring in 1896, to be succeeded by his son-in-law Captain Mably.

The family, which eventually included nine children, originally lived next door to the Knight's Arms. As the size of their family diminished, James and Ann moved to 1 Well Street in the 1880s, when the town was expanding under the entrepreneurship of James and Mary Brogden.

Six grandsons served and survived the First World War but sadly, great-nephew James Pearce went down with HMS *Goliath* in the Dardenelles, on May 13, 1915.

October 20, 1916 witnessed the last Porthcawlian to die during the Somme campaign. Major John Lewis Lambert, and his brother Captain Harry Fenton Lambert, had joined the Army Service Corps in Porthcawl in 1914.

John saw active service in France from October 1915 until his untimely death from peritonitis, whilst in hospital in Amiens. One of three children, he was born in 1879 and lived at Elmbank, Park Street, Bridgend. His father, George, was an architect and surveyor, a profession that both he, and his younger brother Harry was to follow in later years.

In 1911, Harry established an estate agency with T Elwood Deere in Porthcawl, called Lambert Deere and Partners. Jack, as he was known, was surveyor to the Wimbome Estate in south Wales for many years, as well as owning considerable property in Porthcawl.

In 1913, Jack married Mary Elizabeth Parfitt and moved into 8 Newton Villas, Newton. As a Conservative councillor in Porthcawl for nine years, and chairman of the council in 1909-1910, he was instrumental in erecting the original Porthcawl Pavilion at the top of Gordon Road, which eventually became Highfield Congregational Chapel in 1918 (since demolished).

Harry died in October 1930, yet both he and his brother have left a lasting legacy in the town, with two streets being named after them, 'Lewis Place' and 'Fenton Place'.

Another soldier Porthcawlian held in high esteem, was killed by shellfire at 3.45pm on October 18, 1916, whilst on a tour of the trenches occupied by his unit. Lt

Charles Joseph Wilkie was 47 years old. Prior to the First World War, Lt Colonel Wilkie, had enjoyed a distinguished military career, serving with the Oxford Light Infantry in India, and the South Middlesex Regiment before being appointed as administrator of the Welsh Army Corps affairs relating to the camps at Porthcawl, in October 1914.

Following the call from Lloyd George for a Welsh Corps, new battalions were formed in Porthcawl. On November 26, 1914, Lt Col Wilkie was appointed as Commanding Officer of the 17th Battalion, Welsh Regiment (1st Glamorgan

Bantams). Although the newly-formed battalion left Porthcawl for training at Colwyn Bay, in January 1915, Lt Col Wilkie delayed his departure so that he could officiate at the opening of 'Newton Rifle Range' in early February 1915.

There was good news from the front, too. Corporal Fred Nicholls of the Pier Hotel, serving with the 3rd Battalion, Welsh Regiment, was awarded the Military Medal at The Somme 'for gallantry on patrol.' (Porthcawl News October 19, 1916). The citation states that his company was ordered to advance out of the trench toward the enemy. 'The enemy repulsed them three times and all his officers having been killed, Corporal Nicholls and his men rushed the trench the fourth time, securing their goal.' Corporal Nicholls was 19 years old.

Victor Rowe, 16 years old, who lived at Lias Cottages, was apprehended for shooting 'conies' (rabbits) on Sker House Farmland. At the Magistrates' hearing, witness John Williams stated that when he saw the defendant shoot a rabbit and start to run, he shouted after him, 'It's no use to run. I know your name.' (Glamorgan Gazette October 13, 1916).

What Mr. Williams did not know was that in an attempt to follow his brother, Corporal John Ormonde Rowe into the services, young Victor had tried to enlist into the 23rd Battalion, Welsh Regiment at Porthcawl, the year before, whilst 15 years old; and that his brother had been killed in the August of 1916.

Eventually, when Victor was 17 years old, he would be successful in joining the Monmouthshire Regiment; and would be posted with his regiment to France in June 1918. On October 8, 1918, two years to the month of being fined, 15 shillings, for shooting at rabbits, Victor, himself would be killed.

On the home front, in October 1916, concerns remained over the movement of non-British persons, 'Aliens'; and in order to keep track of their movements, it was the responsibility of the house owner to inform the local police of their visit.

Such was the case of Maria Fulgoni, who was found in Porthcawl in the home of Isaac Heath, milk vendor and lodging-house keeper. Mr Heath was fined £1.

Maria Fulgoni, 22, had arrived in Porthcawl from Aberdare where she had been working at Giacomo Bracchi's 'Refreshment House.' Giacomo Bracchi and his wife, from Parma, Italy, had become naturalized British citizens in 1908 and had brought members of their extended Italian family over to work in his business at 26/27 Cannon Street, Aberdare.

Reading the 1911 Census, it is interesting to note familiar names, that are so easily recognisable in our town today. In Mr. Bracchi's employ, at the time, was Andrea Sidoli, shop-assistant, Luigi Fulgoni and Mazocchi Pietro, ice-cream vendors, and Giuseppe Moruzzi an outdoor chip vendor, whose family would settle in Bridgend.

There was also the continuing concern over lights being seen from the sea: PC Waterman proved ever vigilant in his pursuit of offenders.

Charles Smith of 2 Bungalow Avenue, (near Beach Road, Newton) was fined £1; as was Elizabeth Bowen, Manageress of the Marine Hotel.

Yet, the enforced darkness, was causing concern for residents walking the streets. As a consequence, the council advised that the street lamps be painted in luminous paint to avoid people bumping into them in the dark.

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Magic of mushrooms, and other fungi



Welsh Waxcap Fungi.

GLAMORGAN Fungus Group, in conjunction with the Wildlife Trust South and West Wales and the British Mycological Society, will be running an event on Sunday, October 9 at Parc Slip Nature Reserve near Tondur.

This is a free event and all are welcome. If you want to learn more about the wonderful world of fungi (mushrooms and toadstools) please come

along. We will have a display of fungi found locally, a video, displays and books. Members of the group will be on hand to answer your questions.

We will be running mini 'fungi forays' on the nature reserve at 11am and 1.30pm.

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Dathlwch Ddiwrnod Shwmae Su'mae! gan ddechrau pob sgwrs yn Gymraeg

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Hoffech chi brynu balw'n a bod yn rhan o ddigwyddiad Shwmae MBO 2017? Cadwch olwg ar dudalen facebook/gwefan y Fenter am ragor o fanylion.

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Celebrate Shwmae Su'mae? Day by starting with a Welsh greeting
Shwmae Su'mae? Day is a golden opportunity to celebrate the Welsh language through the ways we greet each other in Welsh in our communities.

It is also an

opportunity to support and encourage the efforts of all who are currently learning Welsh.

The Welsh language belongs to everyone and we can all use the language everywhere!

In the shop, youth club, work, in our community, with friends.

This year, Menter Bro Ogwr has arranged to celebrate the day by starting with a Superted trip on Friday, October 14. Superted will visit Bridgend, Coity, Sarn

and Porthcawl. Menter Bro Ogwr staff will have the opportunity to greet residents in those areas in Welsh and answer any questions they have about the language.

We hope to create a video of this trip and upload it on Menter Bro Ogwr's Facebook page.

We hope that this will encourage more people to like our page and hear more about the language and the opportunities available for them to use Welsh in their communities.

Shops local to

Bridgend and Porthcawl will exhibit 'Shwmae' signs and start every conversation with their customers in Welsh so keep an eye out for these and support the businesses to speak Welsh with their customers.

On Saturday, October 15, Menter Bro Ogwr will celebrate Shwmae Day with a Shwmae Su'mae? Balloon Race! The balloons will be special, using Menter Bro Ogwr's colours and will be bought by residents of the county

to have the chance to win a prize.

We will tie cards to balloons providing the history of Shwmae Su'mae? Day and space to put a message from the person who has purchased the balloon.

Whoever bought the balloon that travels the furthest and has someone to call Menter Bro Ogwr's office saying Shwmae wins.

We invite residents from every corner of the county to meet us outside Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion to start

our walk to the beach at Rest Bay, where we will release the balloons to celebrate this special day. We will then try to write a giant Shwmae in the sand with your help.

Would you like to purchase a balloon and be part of our Shwmae MBO 2017 event? Keep track of Menter Bro Ogwr Facebook/website for more details.

For more information contact us Menter Bro Ogwr, 01656 732200, menter@broogwr.org

Dahlicious Dress Up Day at St Clare's!



Dahliciously Dressed Up.

Wick Apple Festival
SUSTAINABLE Wick Community Group are holding an Apple Festival to promote and celebrate the use of locally grown apples and fruits on Sunday, October 16 at Wick Sports Pavilion from 2pm-4pm.

Entry is free with apple-themed activities for all the family.

You can bring your own apples to make juice and jams, chutneys, cider, tea and cakes will be on sale.

For more information, contact Mike Webb on 01656 890521 or 07512231801.

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NURSERY and Prep school pupils at St Clare's, Porthcawl, had a glorumptious time throughout September, with phizz-whizzing lessons celebrating 100 years since the birth of Cardiff-born author Roald Dahl.

Celebrations ended with a Dahlicious Dress Up Day last week, when everyone came dressed as a Roald Dahl character.

The school was filled with Big Friendly Giants, Giraffes and Pellys, Crocodiles, Matildas, Charlie Buckets, Twits, Willy Wonkas, Oompa Loompas and Fantastic Mr Foxes everywhere. Everyone had a whipple-scrumptious time!

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Local businesses in the spotlight



ABOVE: Sian Lloyd with Bridgend Business of the Year 2016 winners, The Food Shed CIC and Warren Dudding, Rockwool and Sian Lloyd.

RIGHT: The Patron's Commendation Award 2016 winners, Spectrum.

THE Bridgend business community was celebrated at the recent Bridgend Business Forum Awards ceremony and gala dinner.

Almost 180 business people gathered at the Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel, Bridgend, to discover who the all-important winners were at the fourth annual business awards supported by Bridgend County Borough Council and Rockwool.

The winners in each category were: Business Student of the Year – Christopher Lloyd, Whatchrisdoes; Start-up Business of the Year – The Food Shed CIC; Service Business of the Year – Smart Education Wales Ltd; Entrepreneur of the Year – Jay Ball, Datakom Ltd; Manufacturing Business of the Year – Customised Sheet Metal Ltd; Bridgend Tourism Business of the Year – The Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel; Innovative Business of the Year – Spectrum Technologies Plc; Creative Industries Award – Wales Interactive Ltd.

The Food Shed scooped the coveted title of Bridgend Business of the Year 2016.

Warren Dudding, marketing director at Rockwool, main sponsor of this year's awards said: "Rockwool were delighted to sponsor the Bridgend Business Forum Awards 2016. We had the pleasure of awarding the Bridgend Business of the Year award to The Food Shed, a fantastic enterprise offering a meal delivery service across Bridgend and neighbouring Neath Port Talbot.

"Not only do they aim to support healthy and independent living, they have also developed a partnership with HMI Parc Prison to provide training, qualifications and work experience to prisoners to help them with employment opportunities on release.

"They are a wonderful example of how business can deliver social value, and we wish them every success as they grow."

A new award, The Patron's Commendation Award 2016, was presented to Spectrum



Technologies Plc by the Patron of the Bridgend Business Forum, Carwyn Jones AM.

He commented: "Another very successful awards evening, and I would like to add my congratulations to all the winners. We know how important businesses are, not just as employers, but as drivers of the local economy.

"These awards are an opportunity to celebrate our very successful local businesses and to recognise their continuing investment in local people and the local economy. I was also delighted to present the first ever Patron's Commendation Award."

Bridgend County Borough Council Leader, Coun Mel Nott, said: "I can honestly say that we are privileged in this county borough to host more than our fair share of outstanding businesses.

"These awards have brought to the forefront not only major global organisations with a long-established and very successful track record, such as Spectrum Technologies Plc, but also younger, dynamic businesses – such as The Food Shed CIC – which are starting out on their business journey, and are already contributing significantly to the local economy."

Bridgend Lions' cheques – and two royal occasions!



PRESIDENT OJ Paton and fellow Lions in Bridgend, recently enjoyed a busy week of visits and presentations when the president met the Duchess of Gloucester at Sandville Court, Ton Kenfig, and first vice-president Patrick Halliwell met the Duchess at St John Ambulance Brigade's in Minerva Street, Bridgend.

President OJ previously presented a cheque in the sum of £500 to Gemma Rees, young carers' practitioner at Brackla, followed by a further cheque of £500 to a delighted Gwyneth Poacher, MBE at Sandville Court.

The photograph was taken at Sandville Court and shows president Paton, Patrick Halliwell and second vice-president Tony Gates with Mrs Gwyneth Poacher.

ON Friday, September 23, RMBI Albert Edward at Porthcawl held its annual Macmillan coffee afternoon.

We were lucky that so many of our staff and residents' families baked cakes and supported the event. Mike Fields performed for our guests and he kept up the theme of the weekend with some Elvis and rock and roll!

We served tea, coffee and cake and held a raffle. Special thanks must also go to Patricia McBride, who volunteered on the day and sold raffle tickets for us.

We had a £200 head start this year, thanks to staff members Jayne Tennant and Ann Rand, who along with Suzie, our home's dog, took part in a sponsored walk. On the day, we raised £390 – taking us to a grand total of £590 donated to Macmillan.

This is a charity that is very close to our hearts here at Albert Edward, with many members of staff having either had cancer, or having a relative who has suffered from this cruel illness.

A great big thank you to all those attended, bought raffle tickets and support us in all our various initiatives.

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Bryncethin concert
THE Llanaffraid, St Brides Minor, Ynysawdre and Tondur Appeals committee has organised a concert in the company of Cantorion Coety on Friday,

October 7 at Bryncethin Memorial Hall at 7pm.

Tickets are £5 each, and all of the money collected will go towards the Bridgend, Taff and Ely Urdd Eisteddfod 2017.

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Youth concert

We attended the **Curtain-Up Youth Theatre** concert in the **Central Ecumenical Church, Maesteg, on September 28.**

The youth theatre is formed of youngsters aged 6-16 and rehearses each Tuesday from 4.15pm to 5.45pm and 6pm to 7pm. The group is organised by musical director Ruth Whelan and co-director Sarah Thomas, assisted by accompanists Clare Isaac and Richard Norton. For additional information, telephone 07772 645095.

The variety of music in this concert was amazing, and quality of singing outstanding. I will only add one more comment – Megan Hill was amazing – she had to take over another soloist's part that evening, because the singer had been taken ill.

The children had given up their time, on an evening of pouring rain, to raise funds for the charity 'Action for Children'. The church was packed and it was nice to see the support the children received.

Mayor's fund
The Mayor of Maesteg Fund was launched in 2013 to support of community services or charities that provide care or assistance to residents in the Llynfi Valley.

Over the last three years, the fund has raised more than £14,000, with monies donated to a number of local causes. The current mayor, Coun Jennifer Terry, has nominated Macmillan Cancer Support, Diabetes Wales, Caerau Community Growers and Noddfa Youth to benefit from the fund.

This Friday, October 7 at 2pm, there will be a **Duck Race on the river above Brewers Field, off Caerau Road, in Caerau (opposite the Blaenllynfi Hotel).** Ducks can be purchased from Noddfa Youth or the Council Offices for £1, with a first prize of £50, second of £30 and third of £10.

Nature walks
THE Wildlife Trust, based at Parc Slip nature reserve, Fountain Road, Tondur, CF32 0EH, is organising a number of events at its visitor centre.

On Friday, October 7, young environmentalists – children aged 5 to 13, accompanied by a parent or guardian, are encouraged to visit the nature reserve from 7pm to 8.30pm.

All must wear suitable clothing and footwear for this outdoor activity, because of changeable weather conditions. Booking is essential on 01656 724100.

On Sunday, October

9, United Kingdom Fungus Day celebrates the fascinating world of fungi, and experts from the Glamorgan fungus group will show a wide range of specimens in a foray around the nature reserve from 10am until 4pm. Walks will take place at 11am and 1.30pm.

Concert dates
ON Saturday (October 8), Bridgend male choir will be at All Saints church, Porthcawl for the concert starting at 7pm.

There will also be a guest male choir 'Four Lanes' from Redruth, Cornwall taking part, with soprano Rhian Hughes taking the solo artiste spot.

The concert is being held in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Tickets from Helen Thomas E-mail: bandpmariecurie@gmail.com

At the end of October, the choir will be supporting local charities in Ireland: on Thursday, October 27 it is performing in St Stephen's Church in Dublin; on Friday, October 28 it is in a joint concert with St Peter's male choir at St Peter's church, Drogheda; and on October 29 it is singing in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

The choir rehearses at

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Oldcastle primary school on Thursday evenings.

Visits to these practices can be arranged with the choir secretary on 07773 170373.

Diabetes dishes

ALL residents from the Communities First Postcode areas are invited to a free cooking session at Noddfa Community project on Mondays October 10, 17, 31 and November 7, from 10am-12pm.

It is being held to show how to make healthy meals suitable for people suffering with diabetes. Advance booking required by contacting Jeremy on 01656 643518.

Maesteg Gleemen

ON September 30, Maesteg Gleemen male choir joined the fundraising event to raise money for the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the council

offices in Maesteg. It raised over £500 for the charity.

This busy choir played a prominent part in the recent Elvis Presley festivities in Porthcawl, performing twice in the Pavilion.

On Sunday, September 25, at 12noon, it performed Elvis gospel songs, and at 3pm sang Elvis songs from the movies.

The choir is taking part in a massive fundraising exercise with Specsavers to raise money for the Ty Hafan children's hospice, by singing outside its shops all over Wales.

On Sunday, October 9 at approximately 10am, it will be performing in Queen Street, Cardiff, at which there will be a photo shoot to raise the profile of Ty Hafan.

The choir rehearses at the British Legion Club, Commercial Street on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm. New members welcome. No audition.

Toddlers, and the children and parents will be able to meet others in a social atmosphere.

'Green Hut'

AT Cefn Cribwr Community Centre (Green Hut), Cefn Road, CF32 0AW, on Friday, November 4, at 7.30pm, a concert will raise funds for Y Bont, the disabled children's charity.

Featuring in the show will be the Pencoed Silver Band, Marcus Bridgeman and friends, Dennis Lang, the Welsh comedian, and the Garage Gospel Choir.

Tickets £5. For information, telephone J Goudge (01656 740026).

Choir

entertains ON Saturday, October 8, Ogmere Valley Male Choir will be entertaining the residents at Porthcawl Masonic Home, which provides specialist nursing care for dementia sufferers.

On Saturday, October 15, it will be leading the singing at the wedding of Rhianedd Williams in Miskin Manor.

The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and welcomes new members and guests.

Family day
J BLACKMAN, head teacher of Tynrhod primary school, Llangeinor, invites the public to a Family

Engagement Day tomorrow (October 7) from 1.15pm to 3.15 pm.

There will be a number of local groups, organisations and charities hosting information stands for parents, families and people who live in Llangeinor. It will provide everyone with opportunities on local events, training, apprenticeships, jobs and support.

You do not need to have a child at the school to attend. There will be refreshments available.

The school will be holding its harvest assembly in Calfaria Chapel on Monday, October 17.

Pupils receive star awards on a weekly basis for how well they have functioned during the week. Last week in the Nursery: Casey-Marie Banfield, for excellent listening skills; Reception: Mia Hawkins for beautiful writing and Jacob Barnes for independent adding.

Year 1: Lacey Byrne for writing about Mrs Twit; Year 2: Ava Dixon for hard work; Year 3: Max Loosmore for great reading; Year 4: Layla Matthews for working hard every day; Year 5: McKenzie Dowling for increased confidence; Year 6: Gethyn Grest for outstanding research in science.



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Trevor rides Canadian Rockies in endurance fundraiser for Velindre

TREVOR ISAAC has returned home having taken part in the 'Ride the Rockies' challenge in aid of Velindre Cancer Centre.

The bike ride involved cycling a total of 405k from Canmore to Jasper in the Canadian Rockies, regarded as one of the most scenic endurance bike ride challenges in the world.

MD of Brinsons, Trevor commented: "The ride was very tough, particularly the 105k stage on day four which included a rather large hill climb. It almost broke me, but I am so pleased to have completed the ride."

Brinsons congratulated all the riders that completed the challenge, raising more than £110,000. This, added to the amount raised from a ride the week before, takes the total to more than

£450,000 for Velindre Cancer Centre.

Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre, said: "Trevor is right to say the ride was tough, easily the hardest bike ride that we have organised; which means that the riders really earned the sponsorship money they raised. This is the third bike ride that Trevor has completed for Velindre – we are incredibly grateful to him for his fantastic continued support".

Trevor will be holding a charity golf day at the Vale Resort, Hensol, on Thursday, October 20. If you would like to enter a team to play the Lake course, contact Trevor Isaac or Audrey Clemenger on 02920 867711.

All proceeds raised will go to Velindre.

SALLY BIGLEY



Trevor Isaac on his fundraising bike ride in the Canadian Rockies.

Rob inspired to do Ironman in memory of his mum and dad

DAD-of-three, Rob Green took on the sixth annual Ironman Wales event, emerging from the water after just 55min, in the first stage, less than nine minutes behind the winner and professional triathlete Marc Duelsan. Rob came a very respectable 581 out of 1,700 athletes in his first ever Ironman.

The Wales & West Housing quantity surveyor covered more than 140 miles of Pembrokeshire, completing the gruelling challenge in 12 hours, 31 minutes and seven seconds, raising more than £3,500 for Cancer Research Wales.

The sixth Ironman Wales saw more than 1,700 athletes, professional and amateur, descend on Tenby on September 18.

The 38-year-old chose to raise money for the housing association's chosen charity and do his bit to fight the disease, which claimed the lives of both his parents.

"I have personally been touched by cancer, losing my mother to breast cancer when I was



Ironman Rob Green with his medal.

11, and losing my father to lung cancer when I was 14. I'd like to do my bit to fight cancer," he said.

"Without the encouragement of my family, friends and my colleagues, Diane Barnes and Herman Valentine, I would have struggled to finish. If I was flagging a bit I would see one of them and find the motivation to work through the pain.

"Herman made me laugh! He must have

covered as much of the area as I did. He seemed to appear everywhere, from being there when I left the water in Tenby, to sitting in a deck chair on the side of the road when I was cycling through Narberth."

Rob took up the challenge in January and has spent more than 300 hours in 2016 swimming, running and cycling, including cycling from his home to work in Cardiff, losing a staggering two and a half stone along the way.

"I bought my first bike as an adult just to do the Ironman," he said. "I've always enjoyed swimming but had never entered a triathlon. Just getting across the finishing line was enough for me but to be placed 581st and completing much quicker than I thought is amazing. I did enjoy it and am already thinking what my next challenge is going to be."

Deputy chief executive for WWH Shayne Hembrow said the whole of the organisation was rooting for Rob: "From surveyor to superhero, what an achievement! We are so proud of what he has done. Rob truly is a Wales & West Housing hero."

GAME MEAT IS GREAT!

OCTOBER 1 is the first day of the pheasant shooting season, and as the season gets under way, there will be plenty of affordable, locally-sourced and delicious game meat available.

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People who shoot spend 3.9 million work days on conservation each year – the equivalent of 16,000 full-time jobs and shooting is claimed to be worth some £75m to the Welsh economy.

Try a tasty pheasant casserole or ask your butcher about venison. For more information and some easy game recipes, visit www.basc.org.uk.

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Pupil Lloyd makes a Peach of an entrance in Cardiff!

A year-9 pupil at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, Lloyd D Williams, beat hundreds of other hopefuls to be cast as James from 'James and the Giant Peach', in City Of The Unexpected.



Lloyd Williams

The huge production celebrating the 100th birthday of Roald Dahl, was directed by Nigel Jamieson, who directed the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games, opening and closing ceremonies at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, and the closing ceremony at the 2004 Manchester Commonwealth games.

The whole weekend was full of daring aerial displays, spectacular costumes and props, along with amazing singing, acting and dancing from the cast. Lloyd enjoyed being lifted up over a 70m peach and suspended above, then lowered onto the Cardiff Castle

battlements by crane.

"I have had the most fantastic and amazing time working with the cast. David Mahoney helped me with my vocals and Nigel Jamieson wrote my script.

"It has been one of the best times of my life. My favourite part of the weekend was when I came up out of the peach, and saw all the people in the streets around the castle. I wasn't expecting that."

Lloyd closed the weekend celebrations by thanking Cardiff and leading a mass choir into a farewell song 'Thank you Cardiff' written by Daf James. GW

SPEAKER TELLS THE STORIES OF THE BRAVE PARISIENNES



Basil Watkins, of Cowbridge, is flanked by Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards and Derek Morgan.

MEMBERS OF the South Wales branch of the English-Speaking Union (ESU) heard at their latest literary lunch of the heroism of the women in Paris in the 1940s, following the Nazi occupation, when author and broadcaster Anne Sebba spoke on 'Les Parisiennes: How the Women of Paris Lived, Loved and Died in the 1940s'.

This was a tour de force in terms of the research and detailed information on the lives of both resistors and collaborators – with moving stories, for example, on Jeannie

Rousseau, a brilliant young linguist hired as an interpreter by German military chiefs, who passed on key information to British Intelligence.

Noor Inayat Khan, an Indian-born Parisian and pacifist volunteered to work behind Nazi lines for the British Special Operations Executive, and a young lawyer, Denise du Fournier, returned to Paris from Portugal to hide shot-down Allied airmen.

Two famous names stood out – Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel, in her lavish suite of rooms at the Ritz Hotel, while conducting an affair with a senior German officer, and Genevieve de Gaulle, niece of General Charles de Gaulle, arrested for working with the French Resistance – who narrowly escaped with her life after being sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp.

This was a remarkable exposition of the bravery of many French women whose heroism had gone unheeded until the recent publication of Anne Sebba's book.

The next branch events are lunches at Cardiff City Stadium on December 7, with performances and presentations from branch award winners.

On February 7, 2017 Professor Sir David Omand, former Head of GCHQ, is the speaker.

Further details from Derek Morgan, branch chairman, on 01656 669129; email esuswb@googlemail.com.



Howell's school ex-students pictured with Anne Sebba.



Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards; Anne Campbell; Elizabeth Morgan and Dr Ian Campbell.



Anne Sebba with Derek and Anne Morgan.

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Excellent examination results are achieved by Stanwell pupils. In 2016, 82% of pupils achieved 5 GCSE grades A* - C, including English and Maths. 87% achieved a grade C or above in English GCSE, 89% in maths and 99% in Science. Results in the Sixth Form are equally impressive with A* - B grades achieved in 82% of all entries.

We look forward to meeting you at Open Day. Alternatively, please contact the school at any other time of year to arrange for a tour during the school day.

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'TIMES HAVE CHANGED' – SAYS CHARITY Glamorgan Holiday Hotel, Porthcawl is to close through lack of demand

DESPITE a refurbishment and re-launch 15 months ago, the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel is to finally close its doors after 42 years, having failed to break even in recent years.

The specialist hotel for older people and people with disabilities, cited a lack of customers – even the summer holiday period as the primary factor. "It has meant that a unique "hotel with care and support" on the seafront in Porthcawl must close at

the end of October," said Adrian Roper, CEO of Cartrefi Cymru, the charity that owns the hotel, said: "We are very sad to have to make this decision, and that we will have to say goodbye to the guests who have remained loyal supporters over the years, but we had no choice.

"Despite our best efforts and significant financial investment in upgrading the hotel facilities and trying to attract new customers, there has not been enough people coming to stay to cover the costs.

"As a charity, we have to ensure that we spend our money wisely. Sadly, the gap between income and expenditure at the hotel has stayed obstinately in the red, and the time has come to acknowledge this reality," he explained.

Any job losses are expected to be low as Cartrefi Cymru will provide opportunities in other parts of its operations as one of Wales's largest not for profit care provider.

Glamorgan Holiday Home was opened in 1974 by West, Mid and South Glamorgan county councils to provide holiday breaks for the elderly

GVS' CALL FOR VOLUNTEERING

THE (GVS) volunteer drop-in centre at Holton Road, Barry, has closed and the volunteering service is now based at Barry Community Enterprise Centre on Skomer Road. For further details, contact 01446 741706, email: enquiries@gvs.wales or see www.gvs.wales.

WICK ARTISTS' SHOW

THE autumn exhibition of the Wick Group of artists will be held on Saturday, October 15 at the Wick Village Hall, Wick, from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Pictures and other items for sale. Entry, adults £1 and children free, to include tea/coffee and biscuits. 20 per cent of all profits to Wick Village Hall. For further information, call 07941 203939.

Ideas are sought to boost your rural community

CREATIVE Rural Communities (CRC), the Vale Council's rural regeneration initiative, is inviting people to come forward with innovative ideas that have the potential to take communities and enterprises in the rural Vale in new, exciting directions.

Under the theme 'Evolving Communities', the CRC team now aims to support residents in the rural Vale (excluding Barry, Penarth and Llandough) to map out their community's needs and trial new ways of meeting these.

To help stimulate ideas, the team is organising a workshop on Wednesday, October 19 from 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Athan Community Centre with lunch provided.

Everyone in the rural Vale who is involved with community groups, voluntary organisations, service providers or individuals active in their local community is welcome.

If you would like to attend, contact the CRC team on 01446 704226 or create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk to book your place. For more visit www.CreativeRuralCommunities.co.uk.

and frail of south Wales. When local government was re-organised in 1996, the councils set up a charitable trust to run the home, initially with block contracts to pay for people in need of a holiday with support.

Gradually, the council contracts were withdrawn and the hotel has had to operate as a social business, selling individual holidays to self-paying guests.

Since 1974, major advances have been achieved in accessibility and facilities in options offered by standard hotels and holiday providers has meant less demand for a specialist service.

"I would like to thank all our regular guests and all our hard-working staff, and everyone who has tried to keep the hotel open. Times have changed and there is no longer sufficient demand for what the hotel had to offer," said Mr Roper.

Voluntary services' funding available for youth-led schemes

THE Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) aim to fund activities for young people between the ages of 14 to 25.

"The 'Dish Out Dosh' grant will provide an opportunity to start a youth led project which has a community benefit in the Vale of Glamorgan. If you have an idea but lack the dosh, we may be able to help with a grant of up to £1,000!," a spokesperson said.

The guidelines and application pack for grants can be downloaded from GVS' website: www.gvs.wales/news/2016/09/funding-for-youth-activities and completed applications must be with GVS by midday on Friday, October 21. This grant scheme is funded through the Welsh Government's GwirVol programme.

For further details about GVS and our services, please contact 01446 741706, email: enquiries@gvs.wales, website: www.gvs.wales.

Top chef's pop up evening in college eatery

ON October 13, Anand George, of award-winning Purple Poppadom, will hold a special one-night 'pop up' evening at Cardiff and Vale College's restaurant, The Classroom, on campus.

"It is very exciting to be working with The Classroom, which has made such a very strong and refreshing impact on the culinary scene in such a short space of time. I am looking forward to showing the students my style of cuisine and bringing my food to this important new venue," he said."



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Welsh business owner Phil Powell agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise." So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Phil a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he'll be happy to help!

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Welsh Ambulance Service scoops double award



THE Welsh Ambulance Service is celebrating, after winning two NHS Wales Awards, in partnership with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

The collaboration between health, third sector, local authority and other agencies to reduce demand on emergency services won the working seamlessly across organisations award (supported by Welsh NHS Confederation).

The project was also named winner of the outstanding contribution to prudent healthcare award presented by

the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Frank Atherton.

It focuses on both frequent 999 callers and those who regularly attend unscheduled care services, including the Emergency Unit at University Hospital of Wales and the GP Out of Hours service, in order to establish any unmet care needs they might have.

Data is shared on those who use the organisations involved more than five times in a month.

A multi-agency group meets to identify and provide support, which could involve increased care packages, or community support via third sector or voluntary agencies.

CRC team hosts evolving communities workshop

CREATIVE Rural Communities (CRC), the Vale of Glamorgan Council's rural regeneration initiative, are inviting people to come forward with innovative ideas that have the potential to take communities and enterprises in the rural Vale in new, exciting directions.

Under the theme 'Evolving Communities', the CRC team now aims to support residents in the rural Vale (excluding Barry, Penarth and Llandough) to map out their community's needs and trial new ways of meeting these.

To help stimulate ideas, the team is organising a workshop on Wednesday, October 19 from 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Athan Community Centre with lunch provided. Everyone in the rural Vale who is

involved with community groups, voluntary organisations, service providers or individuals active in their local community is welcome.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said:

"The CRC team has a great track record of working with local communities to develop innovative projects that create long term social and economic benefits for the rural Vale."

"This new initiative offers yet another opportunity for communities to identify their own priorities and work with us to explore new ways of delivering services."

If you would like to attend, contact the CRC team on 01446 704226 or create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk to book your place.

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'Let's talk wellbeing in the Vale' – says council

UNDER the banner of 'Let's Talk', partner organisations from the public and voluntary sectors in the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff are working together to "find out more about what matters to residents and what affects their wellbeing."

Views are being asked over the coming months on a wide range of issues impacting wellbeing to help inform the future delivery of services across the region, a spokesman states.

"A particular focus of the conversation is around care and support services, as we know this will affect all of us at some point in our lives, whether it is ourselves or friends and family needing some help."

"A new survey is being launched online - with hard copies also available - to get feedback on what services, advice and support are helpful to promoting people's health and wellbeing and to help maintain independence."

"Partner organisations are also looking to better understand any gaps in existing services, advice and support

- and anything which people have found helpful in slowing or preventing problems."

"Also of importance is understanding which groups and places in communities help people with their health, wellbeing and maintaining independence."

The survey is part of actions being taken across the Vale and Cardiff, in response to the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

The Act, which came into being in April 2016, focuses on improving the well-being of people who need care and support, helping carers who need support and transforming social services in Wales.

"The information gathered from the survey responses will help inform what advice and support services will be provided in the future to improve wellbeing so please ensure you take part and give your views!" the spokesman urged.

The Let's Talk Survey is available at www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/lets-talk; if you require a hard copy, telephone 029 2087 3443.

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There will be displays of pupils' work in all subject areas and members of staff and pupils will be present to answer your questions. The open mornings on 17th and 18th of October are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action during the working day and to experience the quality of education and care of which the school is so proud. All prospective parents are welcome, no appointments necessary.

Examination Success:

In 2016 the school achieved its best ever Mathematics and Science results. Many other subjects showed significant achievement too. Mr Davies, the Headteacher said he was delighted by the academic performance of the pupils including an incredible 98% of pupils who gained at least 5 GCSEs A* to G. Many of these pupils have now joined our sixth form whilst others have a better chance of gaining either employment or a place in college. In 2016 at KS3 our Y9 pupils achieved the best set of results the school has ever had, many pupils scoring above the Welsh average.

Curriculum:

Bryn Hafren offers a rich, broad and balanced curriculum with lessons being taught in modern high specification rooms. Year 7 students are arranged in mixed ability form groups in which they are initially taught for all subjects except English and Maths where they are taught in sets. At KS4 pupils will follow the core curriculum with the opportunity to select four optional subjects from a diverse range; the ability to follow four option choices is quite exceptional.

The Welsh Baccalaureate is studied at KS4 and KS5, giving the pupils additional and vital skills as they move on to further education or employment. The provision of extra-curricular activities is an outstanding feature of the school and extends pupils' learning experiences.

Pastoral Care:

The school is very proud of the pastoral care given to all pupils. We strive to create a happy, working atmosphere where all pupils are valued and encouraged to fulfil their potential. The Year Heads and Form Tutors along with the Pastoral Support Officers give support and guidance to all the pupils ensuring they are secure in the caring community of Bryn Hafren.



Year 9 pupils work in one of the 8 Science Laboratories.



Year 8 pupils prepare healthy snacks.



Year 10 pupils work in one of the 3 Hair and Beauty salons.



ABOVE: Bryn Hafren pupils welcome you to their school.



Swiss Army Man is daring, provocative – AND EVERYTHING CINEMA SHOULD BE...

SINCE laying down his wand for the final time in 2011, Daniel Radcliffe has escaped the curse of the child star by building a diverse and intriguing CV, featuring the likes of *What If, Kill Your Darlings* and *Victor Frankenstein*.

However, the most intriguing entry on his CV is likely to be his

latest film, *Swiss Army Man*, a film where Radcliffe plays a corpse that suicidal Hank (Paul Dano) comes across on a beach as he is about to hang himself. When the corpse, named Manny by Hank, comes to life, the pair embark on a journey to get themselves home that takes many a surreal turn...

It's likely that the synopsis for *Swiss Army Man* may have left you a touch puzzled; don't worry, you're not the only ones. When it premiered at the

Sundance film festival earlier this year, it was met with divided opinions – there were as many standing ovations as there were walkouts at this (on the surface) bizarre film about a man befriending a corpse.

Dig a little deeper however, and you'll find that it is a provocative and daring film that also manages to be strangely heartwarming and emotional – it's the sort of film that will divide opinions, but if you fall hard for its charms, you'll be caught up in the compelling and slightly whimsical tale.

Directors Dan Kwan and Daniel Scheinert (or Daniels as they're collectively known) are making their feature film debut with this film, yet they direct with the assured confidence of seasoned veterans. Having also written the script, there's more than a whiff of the Spike Jonze/Charlie Kaufman axis about this film, the more surreal elements playing much like the aforementioned pair's work together, but the film is beautifully shot with powerful economy.

It's essentially a two-hander (Mary Elizabeth Winstead pops up in a small but pivotal role)



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between a suicidal man and a corpse, so much depends on the performances and chemistry of the two leads. In Dano and Radcliffe you have two of the more impressive young actors working today, and both deliver truly exceptional turns.

Dano is more than comfortable playing muddled and mentally skewed characters, but while he is playing to type to a degree, his performance is wonderfully executed; as the layers of his character are peeled away, we delve deeper into his psyche and his

reasons for wanting to kill himself, and Dano takes on a vivid journey through his turn.

Radcliffe's performance is the more impressive of the two, mainly through the incredible physicality of his turn; as he brings the corpse of Manny to life (quite literally), you'll be astounded at the way Radcliffe contorts and drags himself around.

Yet more than just the physical impressiveness is the way he evokes life through Manny's lifeless eyes, his ever-changing moods, wants and needs superbly drawn with a degree of subtlety by Radcliffe's mesmeric performance.

There is little to the story, the weight carried through the characters rather than the circumstances around them (Hank seems to be on an island on his own but the reason he's there is hazy) but Daniels add some beautiful touches (the way Hank builds a world for Manny to attempt to reignite his memories is pure Jonze, the culmination of their journey shifting gears to something even more profound) and some nonsensical and base ones (Manny's corpse constantly producing gas, his ability to cut

down trees using his arms and fire catapults using his mouth).

However, on such thin narrative elements great truths are laid; the film brushes against the notions of humanity, life, love and faith without laying them on too thickly.

Rarely has a film seemed so vital and fresh, so willing to go against the grain than *Swiss Army Man* – whether you take to it quite so readily is down to personal taste, but it's a prime example of what cinema should truly be about.

VERDICT – A offbeat, whimsical tale of a man and his corpse, *Swiss Army Man* is a breathtakingly original film, well-directed by Daniels and featuring an exceptional brace of turns from Paul Dano and especially Daniel Radcliffe. It may not appeal to all tastes, but it's one of the most vital, oddly life-affirming films you'll see this year. *Essential viewing.*

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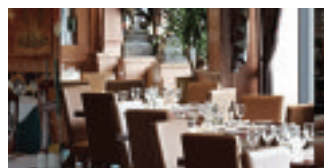
The Top Employer list includes housing organisations that outperform the UK norm – an average score from hundreds of UK organisations across all sectors. This year, 45 organisations were recognised on the list. Newydd, with nearly 100

staff, was placed at number 25, the second highest organisation from Wales.

Emma Maier, editor-in-chief of *Inside Housing* magazine said: "Housing providers are facing huge challenges and innovation is crucial to being successful in the future. The results of the 2016 Innovation Index highlight those that are serious about creating a culture that engages employees and supports them to innovate and the organisation to succeed."

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Also on October 9 at 2.30pm, 'The Celtic Saints', starting at Llantwit Major railway station (SS 972688).

On Wednesday, October 12 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park outside the visitor centre.

Also on October 12 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major coffee shop strollers meet at Llantwit Major Town Hall car park.

Velindre fundraiser
AN event is taking place to support the 'Ride With The Pride' challenge for Velindre Cancer

Centre next June.

It will be a black tie event, Q&A with Welsh rugby legend Gareth Thomas - 'Alfie'. There will also be a two-course meal and The Kiltics band for entertainment, at Tondur Cricket Club on November 12 at 6.30pm.

Tickets £25; contact Tracey on 07740 027585 or Tondur Cricket Club on 01656 720045.

Art Society

ON Thursday, October 6, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes local artist Brian Shambler, who will demonstrate ink drawing with his homemade bamboo pens, followed by a session when people can try out the technique.

The following week (October 13) artist and tutor Sheila Bryant will give a demonstration of drawing a portrait in charcoal.

Cowbridge Art Society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm and visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society, go to www.cowbridgeartsociety.co.uk

Cardiff Toy and Train sale

THE regular collectors' bonanza reaches the Cardiff area again when Wales' largest toy and train sale arrives at Penarth Leisure Centre, Cogan, between 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday, October 8.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Our venue in Penarth is ideal for a toy and train sale, being large, well-lit, easily accessed from all areas and most importantly, Cogan Railway Station is virtually next door and many of our customers make the most of the frequent train services, from so many departure points. "Traders present on the day will also be buying and exchanging, as well as selling, and will offer free valuations on a wise range of toy and train related items and without any obligation."

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THE Barry War Museum at Barry

Island Station will be open Sunday, October 9 from 11am-4pm.

The museum is for information about the work of the NAAFI and ENSA in World War Two, especially in Barry.

Any insights into what was happening in Barry during the war would be welcomed.

Royal British Legion meeting
THE Royal British Legion Barry branch

holds its next meeting on Monday, October 10 at 2.30pm in the Barry Town Council Chambers, next to the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome.

St Brides Major meeting
THE monthly meeting of the St Brides Major Community Council is to be held on Monday, October 10, at All Saints Church, Southerndown.

Weekend 'Waggy Walk' planned

THE Dogs Trust is inviting all canines and their owners, to a 'Waggy Walk' at Parc Slip Nature Reserve in Aberkenfig on Sunday, October 9.

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Vale Photo club members are inspired by autumn

WITH September 1 heralding the beginning of autumn, we look for the inspiring visions of the rich, glowing reds and yellows of the changing of nature.

We are lucky to live in the Vale, with lots of opportunities to see and photograph such visions.

This is just as well, as the subject of our first competition is 'The Vale', preparing members to think about pictures for the special exhibition in the Pierhead Building next April – exciting times.

After a 'practical' evening on how to present your images, the September 16 meeting saw our first guest speaker, Les Loosemore, an old friend of the club, who spoke about the 'reading' of an image.

Not only is Les a characterful entertainer and wit, who enjoys the banter and repartee with his old friends, but he is a terrific, and in his own words, prolific photographer of images.

His prints are all of superb quality, each one a deliberately chosen, thought out, picture, an inspirational, as well as enjoyable learning experience for all of us.

That same weekend saw Cardiff's 'Roald Dahl' celebrations. Being one of thousands of people competing to see everything is a challenge but being in the right place at the right time is what makes a good photographer and club member Terry Verrinder was certainly that, as his picture of the young lady dancing with Mr Fox in the Museum shows (see photo, right).

On September 23, our guest speaker was Dave Mason, a 'street' photographer from London, who looks out for surreal and humorous images. Awareness and timing are attributes he has honed skillfully.

He has taken his inconspicuous little black camera to many places including Cardiff and Barry!

Now, having retired to Canterbury, he gives his entertaining talk with pictures to clubs like ours.

Which brings us round to our first competition of the season, 'The Vale'. We were judged by husband and wife team Alec and Heidi Stewart, who were much appreciated by the club.

The print winners were, for colour, Bridget Craddock with 'Sailing'



and in black and white, Patrick Davies with 'To Bee or not to Bee'. The PDI (projected digital images) categories for black and white and colour were both won by Mike Davies with 'Closed Season' (colour), and 'Winter in the Vale'. Congratulations to all three members.

The club meets at Ystradowen Hall at 7.30pm on Friday evenings and beginners, intermediates and experienced photographers are all very welcome, so why not pay us a visit - for details go to <http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk/programme.htm>

TONY TARTLTON

Funding boost for Motion Control Dance

MOTION Control Dance (MCD) has received £2,775 thanks to players of 'People's Postcode Lottery'.

The funding boost from Postcode Community Trust will enable Motion Control Dance to engage adults with a disability living in the Vale in weekly dance sessions.

Emma Mallam of MCD, said: "We are the only provision for disability dance sessions in the Vale of Glamorgan and this funding will allow us to provide more opportunities and enrich more lives through movement."

For more details about this new inclusive dance session, or any of our other movement based community services please contact info@motioncontroldance.com.



THE SECRET TO GOOD CARE IS...

MORE than a week of events at University Hospital of Wales and University Hospital Llandough heard from hundreds of patients and staff – as part of a 'Values into Action' programme.

Members of the public joined staff and leaders from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to talk about

what makes good patient care and how to 'make a difference' to the outcomes for patients.

Tim Keogh, who led the sessions, said: "We have heard just how important little behaviours are to patients – kindness, a smile – and how that can contribute to their outcomes."

"From colleagues, we've heard how something as simple as saying 'thank you' to each other can make such a difference to someone's day."

Design a card for charity

THE Vale Mayor wants to spread some festive cheer by asking local schools to design their own Christmas cards.

Each child should design one card and the winners of each category will be used to create a Christmas card collection. Money raised by selling the cards will go to the Mayor's charities: Penarth and District Lesotho Trust and Llandough Hospital orchard project.

The closing date is Sunday, October 9.

Email themayor@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone 01446 422406 for full details of the competition.

FLORAL SOCIETY

WOT POT is the title of the next demonstration at Barry Floral Society by Mrs Kath Kear of Gloucester at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, on Tuesday, October 11 at 2.15pm. New members are always welcome.

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LEFT HAND DOWN A BIT! The tractor run leader takes a wrong turning!

ON Sunday, September 2, a total of 21 tractors went missing in the Vale of Glamorgan – at the annual Ogmores Castle Vintage Tractor Run, organised by Basil George, family and friends in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Unlike some tractor runs, the Ogmores Castle event has always followed a set route to take in a number of villages in the western end of the Vale. This year, the regular leader was unable to attend, so a long-term supporter of the event, our old friend Tom Thomas from Bridgend, took on the role of 'tour leader'.

The weather was perfect for the tractor run and, having been fed and watered at the 'chuck wagon', the tractor drivers left Ogmores Castle field at 10.15am with Tom in the lead, heading out on the coast road to Ogmores-by-Sea, Southerdown, St Brides Major and on to Wick.

That is where the mystery tour started. As Tom put it: "It was such a lovely day, I was thinking how lucky I was to be enjoying the fresh air and sunshine at my time of life, and I missed the turning to Colwyn by the Star Inn and then realised we were heading for Llantwit Major. I took the next left and landed up in Llandow trading estate!"

As far as we know, there are still tractors out there trying to find their way home! One thing is for sure – Tom will always be remembered for the day he led a tractor run when even he didn't know where he was going.

Everyone involved



Basil George with Claire Davies and Val Weaver.



Martyn Huish with his Ford tractor.

took the mishap in good spirit and the amount raised from the tractor run was £340, bringing the total raised over recent years to £3,657.

The Macmillan representatives, Valerie Weaver and Claire Davies, thanked the men and women took part in the event for continuing to support the charity.

Basil George also thanked Rob Williams for the use of Ogmores Farm field, Paul Hooper for the signs, BS Supplies for sponsorship and members of the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society for their 'chuck wagon'.

BASIL GEORGE

Top fashion guru's coffee morning for Macmillan



David Emanuel.

BRIDGEND-BORN fashion designer, David Emanuel, swapped dresses for cakes as he hosted his third Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning at Gileston Manor in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The creative director of TLC/Discovery's UK series of 'Say Yes to the Dress', hosted his Macmillan coffee morning on Friday, September 30.

David said: "My Macmillan nurse was a great support to me when I was diagnosed with cancer so it's fantastic to

host a coffee morning which will help Macmillan fund its services for people with cancer and their loved ones."

Susan Morris, head of services for Macmillan Wales, said: "Macmillan would like to say a huge thank you to David for his continued support and for hosting a World's Biggest Coffee Morning at Gileston Manor. He is a brilliant supporter."

If you have been affected by cancer and would like information and support from Macmillan, visit www.macmillan.org.uk or call the Macmillan Support line on 0808 808 00 00.

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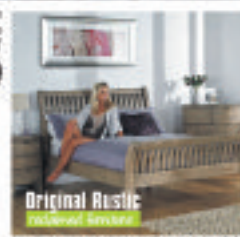
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Vale help for small business

THE Welsh Government has unveiled more help for small businesses.

Vale AM Jane Hutt said this week: "Further to the recent announcement that we will be extending the Small Business Rates Relief Scheme to 2017-18, a new permanent scheme will come into force from 2018."

There will be additional support via a transitional relief scheme for small businesses affected by the Valuation Office Agency's revaluation of non-domestic rates.

"The £10m scheme, which will be available from April 1, 2017, when revaluation comes into effect, will be fully funded by the Welsh Government. This is in

addition to the existing £100m tax cut for small businesses in Wales," Ms Hutt stated.

"There are 3,544 business properties in the Vale of Glamorgan liable to pay non-domestic rates and many will benefit from the rate relief scheme and transitional relief scheme."

Finance and Local Government Secretary, Mark Drakeford, AM, intends to lay regulations before the National Assembly later this year, which, if passed, will enable the transitional relief scheme to come into effect in April 2017.

For further information about transitional rates relief, visit: businesswales.gov.wales

In Business Update

Style your autumn wardrobe at Samantha B

WHEN out for a walk last weekend, I was reminded that autumn is the most comforting and exciting time to dress, lovely soft knits a warm scarf and a great pair of jeans topped off with a gilet!

While we were out, my husband bought me a little posy of garden flowers, the colours totally reflected the autumn palette in the shop, dusky pinks, magenta, burnt orange, all set off by the foliage.

It reminded me of my new favourite jacket, a burnt orange boiled wool from Bianca. Bianca is well known for its feminine tailoring and wonderful use of colour, this season they have given us warm plums, burnt orange, lime and of course, lovely neutrals.

Olsen is still proving to be a best seller, wonderfully cut trousers and coordinated knitwear, never compromising quality.

Marble have also pulled out the stops and have produced a fabulous selection of coloured skinny jeans in lime, plum and mink, team these with one of their soft knits; effortless dressing at its best.

Pomodoro have given us a gorgeous range of easy to wear dresses, for both day and evening, at really great prices.

This season is also the time to think rainwear and winter coats. We have a great selection of waterproof coats in lovely colours starting from £67, as well as a fantastic range of gilets.

All our other favourites are poppy, Emreco, adini, H and O and Fransa.

We are holding fashion shows throughout this month: October 14, Bridgend choir; October 19, Llantwit Major Tangent; October 25, Bridgend Soroptimists and October 22, Ystradowen.

If you would like tickets or further details, please contact the shop. **SAM B**

AN EXPERT'S ADVICE COULD AVOID DISPUTE

BRENDAN SWEENEY, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the UK population do not have a Will.

A Will takes effect on your death and is an instruction as to what is to happen to your estate.

Probate disputes and challenges to Wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a Will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to inheritance tax.

It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial

responsibilities when they make a Will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid Will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted Will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

Substantial costs can also be saved by taking professional advice early, and putting in place Powers of Attorney – whereby you appoint trusted people to make decisions about your property and financial affairs and health and welfare, if your loss capacity.

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'Showcasing Youth' event is a success on the Island



ON October 1, the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Stuart Egan opened 'Showcasing the Youth Event' with Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM, and the town mayor, Coun Charlotte Williams present.

The weather was not at its best but it did not prevent many organisations from Barry coming along to join in this event. It is the second year for the Showcasing the Youth event. Last year it was held on King Square.

Among those organisations taking part were E-Motion, 372 (Barry) ATC SQN, Barry Amateur Swimming Club, Barry Communities First, Families First Information, Whitmore Bay Life Guards, Special Olympics, Penarth Gymnastics, Barry Army Cadets, Vale People First (disability learning), Cariad Ar Waith, Tall Ships, Youth Time Advertising/Action Group, Rita and Team Cadoxton Youth Project, Vale Youth Forum (Information), Barry

Comprehensive School (Help Lanka) and Barry YMCA Gymnastics.

The V-POD, unique, single decker, multimedia bus, specially converted to deliver activities and services to the youth, was also on site.

It was a fun day, aimed at the youth of Barry to help them understand what organisations were available for them to be part of in Barry.

We had some wonderful displays from E-Motion dancers, Penarth Gymnastics Group, Vale People's First (disability learning) and Barry Army Cadets.

As Barry is a Fair Trade Town, Barry Youth Action Group handed a free banana to all who attended, kindly donated by Waitrose, the youth action group having previously held a bag packing day at Asda Barry to raise funds to help towards the cost of the event.

Both Morrison and Tesco also provided free sweets and water to hand out.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the event and we would like to

thank all those who contributed in any way to making the event the success it was.

A special thank you goes to Mr Geoff Horton, Mrs Susan Borges and Mrs Margaret McKeown, who have worked hard at putting this event together for the youth and the community of Barry.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "Showcasing the Youth was a fantastic event which demonstrates the strength of community clubs and organisations for young people in the Vale."

"We should not underestimate the huge amount of work that goes into organising the activities of these groups week in, week out. Nor should we underestimate the positive impact on young people and the wider benefit to the community."

"The event organisers, including the Vale Council, did sterling work and I am glad the weather was not as bad as predicted for them."

Next year's event will be on Saturday, October 7.

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Sensitive Bear loves his hugs!



DOGS TRUST of Bridgend's Dog of the week is Bear, a lovely crossbreed approximately two years old, a very sweet and sensitive boy.

Once you have taken time to get to know him, he loves a fuss and a cuddle. He enjoys the company of other dogs and could live with another in the home. Bear will not want to

be left too long in the day time; he loves his treats and play time. He can live with children over 11 years of age.

Bear is a lovely dog with a big personality. If you can offer him a loving forever-home, please call 01656 725219; or visit our website www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Rhiannon Chamberlain, Supporter Relations Officer

REGIONAL AM IS IN THE PINK FOR BREAST CANCER NOW!

Regional AM for South Wales Central, David Melding, has shown support for women affected by breast cancer – by dressing up in pink and encouraging constituents to Wear it Pink, on Friday, October 21.

In its 15th year, the appeal calls on supporters across the country to add a flash of pink to their wardrobe for the day and raise money for Breast Cancer Now's life-saving breast cancer research.

Mr Melding joined fellow Assembly Members to encourage people across Wales to get involved and help Breast Cancer Now towards their goal – that, by 2050, everyone who develops the disease will live.

Wear it Pink raises close to £2 million each year for world-class research into breast cancer. Anyone can take part, whether at work, at home or at school. All you have to do is wear something pink and donate what you can.

SAD TOLL

David Melding said: "Every year around 2,600 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in Wales, and, sadly, nearly 600 people still lose their lives to the disease each year. Together, we must put a stop to this."

Baroness Delyth Morgan, chief executive at Breast Cancer Now, commented: "It's wonderful to see so much support from AMs for wear it pink."

"It's a great opportunity for friends, co-workers and families across Wales to have some fun, wear something pink and show their support for those affected by breast cancer."

Sign up to Wear it Pink on October 21 to support Breast Cancer Now's life-saving research at www.wearitpink.org.

LITTER LESSONS

MY wife and I recently visited Florence for a six-day break, with excursions to Sienna and Pisa.

Our observations were as follows: Many people, but NO LITTER! Many dogs, but NO DOG POO! So what are we doing wrong in Wales and the UK?

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STUDENTS ON PARADE TO COLLECT AWARDS AT LLANTWIT COMPREHENSIVE

THE Llantwit Major Comprehensive School recently celebrated academic success at their annual awards evening, where pupils received awards in all subjects at all stages.

Extra awards were presented for other achievements, including services to the community and best GCSE and A-Level results.

We were delighted to welcome Madeleine Brindley as guest of honour. She is a former pupil of the school and has been health editor at Walesonline, head of communications at Cwm Taf Health Board, and is currently acting as a special advisor to the Welsh Government.

The evening was a resounding success and, in keeping with previous years, we were able to celebrate some outstanding individual achievements.

SB

AWARDS

ART – KS3 Lydia Lee; KS4 Caitlin Dolman; KS5 Sarah Smith (Michael Grist Award) – presented by Mr S Thomas.

BUSINESS STUDIES – KS4 Dylan Johnston; KS5 Sarah Smith (ASW Salver) – presented by Mrs L Gallo.

DRAMA – KS4 Huw Williams and Caitlin Dolman; KS5 Holly Howles and Kathryn Llewellyn – presented by Miss N Stewart.

ENGLISH – KS3 Ellie Mae Williams; KS4 Rhys Richards; KS5 Kathryn Llewellyn and Caitlin Chattoe – presented by Mrs C Pearson.

GEOGRAPHY – KS3 Millie Hunt; KS4 Steffan Bugler; KS4 Dylan Johnston (Adrian Johanson-Brown Memorial Trophy) – presented by Mrs J Jones.

HISTORY – KS3 Hannah Hughes; KS4 Elena Maughan; KS5 Shannon Lynch and Georgia Harries – presented by Dr JM Alter.

HOME ECONOMICS – KS4 Kate McKenna (Christine Griffiths Award for excellent achievement in GCSE Home Economics); KS5 Mia George, Shannon Davies (Thomas Jones Memorial Award for Catering) – presented by Miss R Newbrook.

IT – KS3 Eddie Nash; KS4 Charlotte Davidson; KS4 Dylan Chattoe (Multimedia); KS5 Brandon Ranger and Caitlin Chattoe – presented by Mr MJ Bell.

MATHS – KS3 Meghan McDonald; KS4 Elys Greene; KS5 Kierney O'Dare – presented by Mrs MA Martin.

MFL – KS3 Rianna Morgan (Wayne Miskimmin Memorial Award); KS4 Bethany Barrell (German); KS4 Abbie Farmer (French) – presented by Ms M Scantlebury and Miss T Rees.

MUSIC – KS3 Rhodri Richards; KS4 Rhys Richards and Tom Colgan, Jack Wilkinson (Lorna Hughes Memorial Award for Most Promising Student); Sebastian Lewis (Tal Morgan Award) – presented by Miss H Toms.

PE – KS3 Maddie Daw (AJ Brown Key Stage 3 Award for Excellent Achievement in PE); KS4 Alisha Hayes; KS5 Holly Howles – presented by Mr J Patterson.

RS – KS3 Eddie Nash; KS4 Alisha Hayes; KS5 Rosey D'Allenger Powell and Nia Thomas – presented by Mr K Francis.

SOCIAL SCIENCE – KS4 Lydia Sanderson (Sociology); KS5 Bethan Marshall (Sociology) – presented by Dr J M Alter; KS5 Megan Green (Psychology) – presented by Miss M Liebman.

SCIENCE – KS3 Nathan Pownall; KS4 Llewelyn Brown and Molli Allen; KS5 Kierney O'Dare, Georgia Farman, Henk Schram and Holly Howles (Rowena Bowen Award for Science) – presented by Mrs P Birt.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY – KS3 Lily Starkey (Terry Martin Award); KS4 Joshua Mundy; YR13 Will Hougham (Jack and Jessie George Salver) – presented by Mr A Stephens.

WELSH – KS3 Millie Hunt; KS4 Nia Kendrick – presented by Mr D Harries.

WELSH BACCALAUREATE – KS5 Chloe Daw – presented by Mrs K J Rosser.

KS5 Charlotte Law (Kay Welsh Award for Vocational Work) – presented by Miss R Newbrook.

GILLIAN BURNETT MEMORIAL BOWL – For Enterprise – KS4 Freya Paul; KS5 Morgan Davies – presented by Mrs L Gallo.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – Alice Satherley-Thomas – presented by Mr D L Davies.

THE JOHN SMITH ENDEAVOUR CUP – Daniel Harding – presented by Mrs F Greville.

BARCLAYS BANK SERVICE TO SCHOOL – Head Boy – Richard Dangerfield – presented by Ms K Winstone.

HALLIGAN SERVICE AWARD – Head Girl – Kathryn Llewellyn – presented by Ms K Winstone.

J LI THOMAS AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT – Deryn Bingham and Bethany Bryant-Beattie – presented by Mrs L Pownall.

PRINCIPALITY ENDEAVOUR AWARD FOR ENGLISH – Steffan Bugler – presented by Mr Andrew Clark (Principality Building Society) and

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Mrs C Pearson.
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RHYD-Y-CEIRW AWARD – for best GCSE results by a male student – Rhys Richards – presented by Mrs E Denscombe.
RAF ST ATHAN SALVER – for best GCSE results by a female student – Nina Tombs and Lydia Sanderson – presented by Mrs E Denscombe.
PERCY SMITH SALVER – for best A-Level results by a male student – Richard Dangerfield and Henk Schram – presented by Ms K Winstone.
PHILLIP JONES SALVER – for best A-Level results by a female student – Kathryn Llewellyn and Ellie May – presented by Ms K Winstone.



Welsh Government hits back at its Tory critics over NHS bed numbers

A REPORT has revealed the number of available NHS hospital beds has fallen by 30 per cent in Wales over the last 20 years.

According to Welsh Government data published on Tuesday, records show that there is a daily average of 10,935 beds available across Wales' seven health boards – compared to 15,582 in 1996.

For the most recent year, older people's services saw a significant dip in available beds, with rehabilitation services taking the biggest cut, falling by 8 per cent when compared to last year's figures, Welsh Conservatives observed.

"During the same period, old age psychiatry beds were cut by 6.6 per cent, general surgery beds by 6 per cent and geriatric medicine by 5.8 per cent," said Welsh Conservative Shadow Health Secretary, Angela Burns AM.

"These disturbing figures show how a

combination of increased occupancy and swingeing cuts has led to a hospital bed crisis. Bed shortages puts strain on staff, means A&E units fill up and renders paramedics unable to offload patients quickly so ambulances are delayed in responding to their next distress call.

"It's particularly alarming to see that older people are being worst affected by this; often frail and disorientated, the figures suggest they are inappropriately kept in hospital settings for far too long.

"The Labour-led Welsh Government urgently needs to tackle bed-blocking and invest in more beds if it is to prevent this crisis from deepening further as we enter the winter months."

A Welsh Government spokesperson responded: "Bed numbers are not an accurate marker for good care. These figures show that we are using bed capacity more efficiently; for example, more people are having surgery as day cases.

"Increasingly, the NHS in Wales is developing innovative ways of managing people's health without admitting them to hospital, which is often better for people who prefer being at home. For frail older people for example, hospital admission itself can carry risks and it is important to support people to live independently for as long as possible.

"We have made £60 million available in our innovative Intermediate Care Fund for 2016-2017 to ensure people can receive joined up health and social care services, helping to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and delays in discharges."

Penarth restaurant's Michelin Star 2017

A Penarth restaurant has been honoured with a prestigious Michelin star.

'Restaurant James Sommerin' owned by James Sommer, which is based at the Esplanade in the town, has been recognised in the Michelin Guide for 2017.

On Twitter, the Michelin Guide said of James: "His family run their restaurant with passion."

THE committee for the residents of Golau Caredig, would like to thank everyone involved in the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday, September 30.

There was a fantastic atmosphere and so many people helped us. We also had many prizes donated for the raffle, which raised over £340.

We were pleased to welcome Jane Hutt AM and the Mayor and thank

them for their ongoing support. Many tasty cakes were donated, and Waitrose provided a tasty cheese tasting, the Barry Community Choir sang during the event, and even the local Fire Service popped in to share a coffee!

With all the other stalls and tremendous support from Hafod Care supporting staff, the final total was £1,490.

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A sôn am arwyddion ffyrdd, dim ond yn ddiweddar iawn mae'r hwyli a gafwyd dros yr haf wrth i 'Vale of Glamorgan' droi i fod yn Bale of Glamorgan wedi dod i fy sylw - mae'n debyg i ddilyn enghraifft y Bala a drodd i fod yn Bale hefyd! Roeddwn i ar dro yn Ffrainc ar yr adeg hynny...amser maith yn ôl nawr i ddweud y gwir.

Felly wedi hoci roedd angen bwyd a mi oedd yr As Fawr ar y fywydlen - hoffwn eich adrodd chi am yr enw yna gyda llaw - enw arbennig o bert ger tafarn adnabyddus y 'Plough and Harrow'

oedd mor brysus roedd angen mynd fel trot ar y gaseg wen ar draw llwyn a pherth heibio'r Bontfaen (sy'n rhy fain i yrru da!) tuag at Dresimwn [neu Bovilston os anwybyddwch chi Simwn ei hun] a'r Llew Coch eto. Lleia gyd gore gyd sôn am y bwyd fan yno y tro hwn yn anffodus ond ta waeth, dal i fyw, a dal i greu!

Mae'r Gynghair Cymunedau Cymraeg yn edrych am gymunedau yn y Fro lle gellir annog diddordeb a gweithgarwch yn y Gymraeg ar lawr gwlad, boed hynny yn neuaddau pentref neu sefydliadau addysgiadol. Cysylltwch: david@cymunedau.org 16 Heol Lewis Rd, Llandochoau Fach 02920 707 469

Y Gwyll yn dychwelyd, a chyfrinachau'n dod i'r golwg

Bydd y gyfres ddrama Y Gwyll yn dychwelyd i sgrin S4C nos Sul, 30 Hydref; ac yn y gyfres hon mae'r ditectif enigmatig Mathias hefyd yn canfod ei hun o dan chwyddwydr yr heddlu..

Roedd diweddlo cyfres ddiwethaf Y Gwyll yn dandllyd, wrth i ni weld carafan Mathias yn llosgi i'r llawr. Fe oroesodd DCI Tom Mathias yr ymosodiad, ond mae canlyniad y llosgi bwrriadol yn achosi dirgryniadau hirdymor i sawl cymeriad yn y gyfres newydd sbon, yn cynnwys Mathias ei hun.

Mae'r actor adnabyddus Richard Harrington, sy'n gyn ddisgybl yn Ysgol Gyfun Rhydychen, ger Pontypridd, yn edrych ymlaen at ymateb y gwylywyr i'r drydedd gyfres.

Mae'r actor, sy'n chwarae Mathias, yn dweud y bydd sawl un o gyfrinachau'r cymeriadau nawr yn dod i'r wyneb.

Yn ystod y gyfres hon hefyd caiff sawl dirgelwch arall ei ddatgelu a chawn wybod mwy am y cartref plant ym Mhontarfynach.

"Fe losgodd garafan Mathias yn ystod y gyfres ddiwethaf, ac rydym ni yn canfod pwy oedd yn gyfrifol.... Ond dw i ddim am sbwyllo dim!" meddai Richard sydd o Ddowlais ger Merthyr yn wreiddiol.

"Mae e'n byw mewn gwesty ar hyn o bryd, dw i'n meddwl ei fod e'n joio'r flaith ei fod e'n byw yn rhywle gwahanol....Y broblem am fyw mewn carafan yng nghanol y wlad yw does dim llawer o bobl yn pasio ac mae e'n gallu cuddio. Nawr mae fe'n cael y profiad o gwrdd â phobl newydd, ac rydym ni'n gweld ochr arall ohono fe."

Yn ystod y gyfres ddiwethaf daethom i wybod mwy am gefndir y ditectif preifat, ac mae Richard, yn dweud ei fod e'n anghytuno â'i gymeriad yn aml iawn. "Mae'r gynulleidfa'n gwybod lot mwy amdano fe nawr nag oedden nhw yn y gyfres gyntaf, a dw i'n teimlo'n eitha' rhydd yn chwarae'r cymeriad," meddai Richard sy'n 41 oed a bellach yn byw yng Nghaerdydd.

"Dw i'n cydymdeimlo gydag e, ond dw i'n ffin gydag e hefyd! Dw i'n teimlo y dylai e fynd i wneud yn iawn gyda'i ferch ei hun. Dyna'r unig broblem sydd 'da fi gydag e, fi moyn iddo fe fod yn dad eto.

Mae Richard yn dweud bod 'na deimlad gwahanol i'r gyfres diweddara.

"Mae e'n wahanol, oherwydd rydym ni'n ffeindio mas lot mwy amdanyn nhw fel cymeriadau yn y drydedd gyfres. Bydd y gwylywyr yn gweld lot o bethau cyn y cymeriadau, bydden nhw un cam ar y blaen, sy'n gwneud Y Gwyll yn wahanol nawr. Dw i'n hoffi ble mae'r sgriptwyr wedi mynd ag e."

Onid pam fod Mathias o dan y chwyddwydr? Gwyllwch Y Gwyll nos Sul, 30 Hydref ar S4C.



Bore Coffi Macmillan Canolfan Palmerston



Daeth pawb at ei gilydd bore dydd Gwener er mwyn codi arian at elusen Macmillan.

Codwyd £59.50. Roedd pobl yna sy'n dysgu ar 'Cysiau'r Fro, Dysgu Cymraeg a 'Nôl ar y Trywydd Iawn'. Gan fod siaradwyr y Gymraeg yn y neuadd yn sgwrsio daeth pobl draw i wrando. "Oes modd dysgu Cymraeg yma?" gofynnodd un, "Ydy hi'n bosib ymuno â dosbarth o hyd?" "Wrth gwrs", meddion ni.

Daeth Julia Esseen gyda'i merch i

drafed dechrau dosbarth newydd Cymraeg i'r Teulu ar fore Sadwrn gyda Meithrinfa yn y Ganolfan. Mae hi'n awyddus i ddysgu er mwyn helpu Freya gyda'i gwaith cartref. Gobeithio bydd hyn yn digwydd yn fuan wedi hanner tymor. Felly yn y diwedd codwyd mwy nag arian at elusen ond hefyd ymwybyddiaeth o'r Gymraeg yn y Fro ymysg pobl newydd.

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SÊR MIS HYDREF

Alban Elfed yw'r hen enw ar Gyhydnos yr Hydref.

ARIES:

Mae sawl cyfle newydd yn ymddangos yn eich bywyd ar hyn o bryd, ond mae llawer o rwystredigaethau yn eu ffordd hefyd. Mae hynny'n dueddol o'ch gwneud yn ddiarnydd gyda'ch anwyliaid.

TAURUS:

Mae hon yn debygol o fod yn wythnos eithau rhamantus, cyfnod arddechog i briodi neu i ddyweddio. Felly os buoch chi'n ystyried popo'r cwestiwn tyngeffennol - neu ei dderbyn - nawr yw'r amser!

GEMINI:

Rydych chi'n llawn syniadau mawr ar hyn o bryd Gemini, ac yn dueddol o anwybyddu manylion bywyd. Mae'n eitha posib y bydd eich teulu a'ch ffrindiau yn ceisio taflu dŵr oer ar eich syniadau uchelgeisiol. Ond fydd hynny'n poeni dim amoch chi.

CANCER:

Os yw pethau wedi bod braidd yn anodd rhyngoch chi a'ch anwylwyr yn ddiweddar; fe ddylen nhw wella'n sylweddol o hyn ymlaen. A mi fyddwch chi - o'r diwedd, ar ôl llawer o ddadlau a chwmpo mas yn deall sbawrtynt eich gilydd yn llawer gwell.

LEO:

Mae llawer iawn o lwc o'ch cwmpas chi ar hyn o bryd; ac fe gewch chi sawl cyfle i wella'ch byd, yn y gwaith ac yn eich bywyd personol. Mae hwn hefyd yn gyfnod



od gwyb i chwilio am gartre newydd os mai dyna yw eich dymuniad, neu i adnewyddu'ch cartre presennol.

VIRGO:

Mae hwn yn gyfnod lwcus iawn i Virgo. Byddwch yn barod am ddigwyddiadau sydyn ac annisgwyl a allai newid hyn eich bywyd yn gyfangwbl. Ar y llaw arall, mae arian yn llithro trwy'ch dwyllo fel dŵr ar hyn o bryd. Cadwch rywfaint yn y cadw-mi-gei - rhag ofn.

LIBRA:

Mae'r pwyblais astrolegol ar arian a busnes ar hyn o bryd, ond mae hwn yn gyfnod hynod o greadigol i chi hefyd. Os y gallwch chi gadw'r cyd-bwysedd rhwng y ddwy elfen hon gore'i gyd. Mae rhywun agos yn mynd i roi sioc i chi. Mwyhewch eich cyfnod gorau.

SCORPIO:

Mae eich bywyd yn nwylo pobl eraill ar hyn

o bryd, a mae hynny'n siwr o'ch gwneud chi i deimlo'n anghyffyrddus; ceisiwch dderbyn y sefyllfa gan fod newidiadau anhygoel ar eu ffordd i chi ymhen ychydig wythnosau.

SAGITTARIUS:

Mae sawl cyfle yn debygol o ddod eich ffordd nawr, ond am ryw reswm rydych chi braidd yn swil ac yn anffodlon cymryd mantais ohonyn nhw. Os na wneuch rywbeth am y sefyllfa cyn bo hir - difaru wneuch chi.

CAPRICORN:

Rydych chi'n barod bellach ar ôl misoedd o baratoi i gymryd mantais o'r cyfle anhygoel mae'r sêr yn gynnig i chi'r mis hwn. Mae tipyn o her o'ch blaen chi, ond fe allwch chi ymdopi'n hawdd, felly ewch am y jacpot. Peidwch â dal nôl.

AQUARIUS:

Mae'ch sefyllfa arian-nol chi ar fin gwella'n sylweddol y mis 'ma, ond mae na bosibiliadau eraill ar y gorwel hefyd; newid swydd falle neu gael dyrchafiad o fewn eich sefyllfa presennol. Mae hen ffrind yn mynd i roi tipyn o sioc i chi.

PISCES:

Mae'n bwysig eich bod chi'n glynnu at eich safonau eich hunan yr wythnos hon. Dim ond wrth fod yn ddiw i chi'ch hunan y gallwch chi lwyddo. Mae tipyn o dwyll o gwmpas, felly byddwch yn wylidwrsus, yn enwedig gyda'ch eiddo.

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Dyma gyfle i chi fod yn rhan o ddatblygiadau cyffrous o ran y Gymraeg yn yr ardal, ac i'n cynorthwyo ni wrth lunio amserlen o ddigwyddiadau cymdeithasol Cymraeg yn Llanilltud Fawr a'r cyffiniau.

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VALE MP HAS A COFFEE MORNING MARATHON!



The Macmillan coffee morning at Herbert R Thomas, Cowbridge.

VALE MP Alun Cairns has praised the organisers of Macmillan coffee mornings across the Vale for their work to raise money for cancer patients, and for bringing the community together.

The MP visited coffee mornings in Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and Dinas Powys on Friday, September 30, the date of Macmillan's UK-wide 'world's biggest coffee morning'.

Mr Cairns said: "I was delighted to be able to attend four of the many Macmillan coffee mornings

held throughout the Vale on Friday. It is always fantastic to see local people coming together for a good cause.

"Having run the London Marathon for Macmillan, I have had a chance to gain an insight into their work and see the difference they make for those suffering with cancer.

"Of all the coffee mornings held across the UK that day, I doubt any had as good a view as the Sorptomists on Barry Island, who had cleverly rented two of the new beach huts for their hot drinks and cake stands."

Dentist's awards success



ABOVE: Bamboo Dental.

THERE wasn't an unaligned or discoloured smile in sight at The Welsh Dentistry Awards, when Ely-based Bamboo Dental picked up two more awards for its trophy cabinet.

"I couldn't be prouder of the team" revealed Dr Daniel Rogers, the head dentist and practice principal, from Llanblethian. "It's amazing to look back on what the team has achieved since Bamboo

was born in 2012."

"The award we really wanted to win was best overall practice and we couldn't have been happier when we heard our names called out on the night," added Natalie Rogers, practice manager. We were delighted to have been shortlisted and chosen amongst some tough competitors. We have our patients who have been nothing but loyal and supportive to thank for that."

Bamboo were also victorious in the category for best marketing.

U3A quiz success at Pentyrch hall

CANTORION Creigiau is a mixed choir that has been performing for 40 years and are due to entertain Cowbridge U3A in November, so it seemed appropriate to support the singers' recent fund-raising quiz in Pentyrch Village Hall by sending a U3A team to compete.

There were 12 teams, most consisting of eight members, although one group somehow managed to smuggle in an extra participant!

Rounds included questions on Wales, music, books, food and sport. At halfway, the U3A team were mid-table. Fueled, however, by the plentiful cheese, pâté and bread during the interval, a late surge, culminating with 19 out of 20 on the road signs' pictorial round, saw the Cowbridge septet victorious by a couple of points.

Many thanks go to the quiz organisers and question masters for an excellent evening.

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Llantwit Major & District Darts League update

THE LMDDL winter league season entered its fourth week.

Steve Davie hit a180 and 19 dart leg, Steve Price hit a 17 dart leg, while Davie and Dai Sawyer threw a 18 dart pairs leg; Steve Deakin threw a 100 finish and Ray Procco a 153 finish.

The Shoes St Athan, 'C', Lamb & Flag 'C1 and 'C2', Kings Head 'A1' 1 and 'A1' 2, Rugby Club 'C', Kings Head 'A1' 2, Rugby Club 'A2' and Wenvoe Arms 'A' all progressed through to the quarter-finals of the Eddie Meredith which will be played on January 19.

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

LAST week saw the final round of the club championship and the overall winners (best of three rounds) were Mike Best and Kevin Maddox with 134.46%.

Runners-up were Tony Disley and Phil Felman with 121.44%, and one half of the winning team, Mike Best, received his prize from chairman and director Graham Norris.

Results for October 3: 1st John & Tiffany Beard 69.05%, 2nd Tony Disley & Simon Richards, 3rd Barbara Exton & Helen Barrie 60.12%.

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FATAL CRASH: Police appeal

THE South Wales Police are appealing for witnesses following a fatal road traffic collision about 7am on Tuesday, October 2 on the A4232 between Junction 33 and Culverhouse Cross.

A spokesman said that a grey Seat Ibiza, which had travelled from Junction 33 on the A4232 towards Culverhouse Cross, entered the roadside verge and overturned. The 53-year-old woman driver was taken to the University hospital of Wales where she was pronounced deceased. The family have been informed and are currently being

supported by family liaison officers.

It is believed that no other vehicles were involved in the collision and police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them.

"The road was closed for approximately three and half hours to allow investigation work and recovery to be completed. South Wales Police would like to thank the people affected by the closure for their patience and understanding," the spokesman added.

Contact the South Wales Police serious collision investigation unit on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 ref: 1600382012.

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale holds a free legal advice session on Tuesday, October 11 from 10am to 12 noon at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you are over 50 and have concerns about a legal matter other than criminal law, chat to a member of a local legal team.

Contact 01446

732385 for further information; no appointment is necessary.

Age Connects screening advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Thursday, October 13 from 10am to 12 noon.

October is Breast Awareness Month, and free information about the NHS Breast, Bowel and Abdominal Aneurysm Screening Programme is available to both men and women.

No appointment is needed; just come along and see one of the health care professionals. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Cycle for Dave

THE fourth annual Cycle for Dave takes place on Saturday, October 15. The 50-mile sponsored ride is in memory of David Evans of The Granary, St Hilary who died in October 2012 of acute myeloid leukaemia.

The cycle ride is organised by David's friends and work colleagues, together with Andy and Liz of The Bush, in order to raise funds for research to find a cure for blood cancers.

The ride starts at 10.30am from The Bush. Please come along to wave the cyclists off or welcome them back from 12.30pm onwards.

Blood cancers such as leukaemia and lymphoma take the lives of 14,000 people every year (too many of them children and young adults) – more than breast cancer or prostate cancer – yet there is no Government funding for research.

If you would like to

sponsor the team, forms are available in the Bush or on the noticeboard at the Village Hall. Alternatively, donations may be made online at justgiving.

Porthcawl art exhibition

A CELEBRATION of local artist Sheila Clark's life in art will form the centrepiece of a public exhibition by Porthcawl Art society at Old Police Station, John Street, Porthcawl, on October 15-16.

It encompasses over 30 years' work, including prints, paintings, watercolours and etchings. The public will be asked to give generously as all proceeds go to Dementia UK.

For more information, contact kckitch.71@gmail.com

Diabetes event

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group takes place on Tuesday, October 18 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm-9pm.

Professor M Ludgate will be giving a talk about thyroid disease.

Digital help

CARERS who want to know more about getting online, emailing the internet or using a smart phone, can go along to a free digital support event at Age Connects, Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, October 20 from 10am to 1pm.

This will be an informal drop-in session with support provided by Barry Communities First Volunteer Digital Champions.

No need to book – call 01446 732385 for further information.

Christmas party night

TICKETS for the Christmas party night on Friday, December 9 at 7pm in aid of Y Bont are on sale (£15 each) at Bridgend Rugby Club's first floor function room.

The evening includes buffet and disco. See www.ybont.com or call 01656 646013.

Passenger numbers on the rise at Airport

CARDIFF Airport has announced further growth for the month of September.

The rolling total number of passengers flying from Cardiff Airport (from October 2015 to September 2016) now stands at 1,352,045, (27 per cent up) – 16 consecutive months of consistent growth.

Flybe's Cardiff to London City route, launched due to the temporary closure of Wales' Severn Tunnel, is a contributing factor to the increase.

Spencer Birns, the commercial director at Cardiff Airport, said: "We've experienced strong performance from our airlines, with a mix of customers choosing both business and leisure

destinations.

"September is an important month for us, as the summer holidays come to an end and people are getting back to business.

"As the Cardiff to London City route continues to be a hit with passengers, we now expect our latest route to Berlin to help keep up the momentum.

"We expect this route to prove popular with both Welsh and German passengers. We continue to work closely with our airline partners to help develop new routes and more travel choices."

The winter months will also see passengers hitting the slopes in Geneva, Chambery, Milan and Munich, popular destinations for those wanting to make the most of the winter period.

The winter season also sees the addition of glamorous destinations from Cardiff Airport with cruise flights to the Caribbean with P&O Cruises and Thomson, and two departures with Thomson to Dubai.

College is in line for two top awards

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) is on to the shortlist for two prestigious further education awards.

The Association of College's Beacon Awards recognise colleges that have displayed "imaginative and innovative approaches to reaching and learning in the FE sector".

CAVC has been shortlisted for the Edge award for practical teaching and practical learning. This celebrates colleges that give learners opportunities to tackle real life problems and provide life changing opportunities, plus the chance to work with industry experts.

The college has also made the shortlist for the Pearson award for the promotion and delivery of successful apprenticeships.

The winners will be announced at a special ceremony at the AoC's annual conference in Birmingham on November 16.

Wildlife event at National Museum

THE Unknown Wales Conference, hosted each year by The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, is dedicated to less well known wildlife of Wales, with talks by experts.

It will take place at The National Museum of Wales this Saturday (October 8) from 10am until 3.30pm.

Entry is free and people can book their place by contacting The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales on 01656 724100 or info@welshwildlife.org. More information on www.welshwildlife.org.

Penarth Hockey Club's teams have mixed opener

PENARTH Hockey Club's first and second XIs began their respective GoCrea8 Hockey League campaigns with differing fortunes at the weekend, but the senior side already occupies a familiar position at the top of their division.

Newly-promoted Penarth faced the longest away trip of their Conference North campaign to face an unknown quantity in the shape of West Wilts in Warminster. The home side have established themselves in the division, just missing out on promotion after finishing third overall in the previous campaign, and settled quickest to dominate the early exchanges, but lacked any cutting edge in the final third and failed to turn their possession into chances.

In stark contrast, Penarth - who had been starved of the ball for the opening ten minutes - hit on the counter and, with their very first attack, opened the scoring. Having turned the ball over, the Bears worked the ball to the clinical Chris Baker who, after beating several players, found the bottom corner with an assured reverse stick finish.

Once in front, Penarth started to take hold of the game, turning the ball over higher and higher up the pitch and, with chances beginning to flow, it was not long before a second goal followed. This time, the Vale side wrestled possession deep in the

West Wilts half, and a quick ball out to Ben Croxall eventually found its way to Baker, who swept home a first-time slap-shot into the bottom corner.

With half-time approaching, Penarth began to turn the screw and put West Wilts under relentless pressure. The home side were now struggling to get out of their own half and it was only a matter of time before another Penarth chance went in.

This time, club coach Tyrone Moore used all of his experience to find space in the 'D', before coolly converting a cleverly-disguised pass from Croxall to put the Bears three goals to the good at half-time.

After the break, Penarth's tough pre-season schedule began to pay dividends as their hosts struggled to live with the tempo being set by the Bears. Now in complete control of proceedings, Penarth created chance after chance, and another three goals would follow before the final whistle.

Joe Thomas was first to add his name to the scorers list, getting a first goal for his new club, before Croxall added a goal from the penalty spot to his two assists following after a cynical foul in the 'D'. However, the pick of the bunch went to Jack Jopson, who swept home at the back post after a sublime build-up saw Croxall find Andrew Willemite, whose 'no look' deflected pass was perfectly placed for Jopson to end the scoring at 6-0.

On another day, Penarth might have hit double figures, but were

more than pleased with the performance, which produced some excellent hockey and a spot at the top of the Conference North table, albeit with tougher tasks ahead.

Penarth's second XI faced a tough De Cymru 1 opener against Cardiff & Met 'F', who finished third in the division last year, just missing out on promotion.

Despite the side from the capital fielding an experienced team that would prove equally difficult to break down at the back and dangerous up front, it was Penarth who drew first blood, with Sam Docherty throwing a perfectly-weighted aerial to find Sam Chick behind the Cardiff defence, and the new skipper made no mistake as he collected the pass and squeezed the ball in at the near post.

Buoyed by the early strike, the Bears enjoyed the better of the game for most of the first half and could have added a second, but were guilty of turning over possession too easily, especially in the final third of the pitch, and were made to pay for their profligacy.

Just as the home side were looking good for a half-time lead, Cardiff struck twice late in the period to take the wind out of their sails. The first goal was something of a freak, as a well-placed aerial into the Penarth 'D' was volleyed past the hapless Mark Harris, but the second was more preventable, as Penarth proved unable to clear their lines following a penalty corner, allowing Cardiff to squeeze the ball over the line.

Unfortunately for the home side, the two late goals gave Cardiff a lot of confidence going into the second half, and their experience showed as they dominated possession. Goalkeeper was called on to produce several acrobatic saves to keep the score at 2-1 and, with only one goal between the sides, the game was still there for the Bears to win.

However, they were again guilty of missing some very good chances to equalise, and it was Cardiff who grabbed the decisive goal, catching out the Penarth defence with a cross to the back post, where an unmarked striker again gave Harris no chance, the final score 3-1.

The Bears travel to face Whitchurch 'C' this weekend and will be looking to start putting points on the board in their ambition to push for promotion this season.

Bolstered by several 3rd XI players without a fixture of their own, Penarth 'C' faced a talented and experienced Gwent 'B' side in their first home game at Stanwell school and did extremely well to earn a creditable 2-2 draw in a match with a dramatic conclusion.

From their very first attack, Gwent forced a penalty corner and took a very early lead when a weak strike somehow crept in on the near post, but the 'C-Siders' gradually got into their stride, even if their struggle to gain midfield parity left them grateful for solid performances from keeper James Erasmus and man-of-the-match Morgan Salisbury as Gwent continued to press.

The visitors' pressure was eventually rewarded, however, and the men of Gwent doubled their advantage shortly before half-time but, to their credit, Penarth began the second period determined to force themselves back in to the game.

Despite a succession of penalty corners, the Gwent defence held firm and even threatened to extend their lead on the breakaway, but Erasmus and veteran Ian Brookfield ensured Penarth did not fall further behind.

With the match rapidly moving towards its conclusion, Penarth finally broke through when, following good work - and a little sleight of hand - by Derek Wooding on the right, skipper Nick Pratt finished smartly over the prone Gwent 'keeper from close range.

With their tails up after halving the deficit, Penarth continued to press for what seemed an unlikely equaliser, and managed to force a penalty corner just as the umpires blew for full-time. With the rules of hockey allowing the corner to be completed before the game can end, the 'C-Siders' knew that it was their last chance to take a share of the spoils and, following a well-worked routine involving Mark Robinson, Pratt drove the ball across the face of the goal for Wooding to finish smartly on the far post, the final score 2-2.

Two sides represented the Penarth club at under-13 level in the opening competitive fixtures of the 2016-17 season.

Penarth's A team,

comprising year eight pupils from local schools, faced a strong Abergavenny side in their opening game, but came through - despite playing without a goalkeeper - to win 2-1 with two excellent goals from Iwan Meddins. Gabriel Pryde and Ethan Kneale marshalled the defence and did their best to stop Abergavenny from getting a shot on goal.

The Penarth team then went on to beat Whitchurch B by three goals to one, with Kneale and Elys Johnson joining Meddins on the scoresheet, before their final match pitted them against Whitchurch A team.

This time, the Vale boys really hit top gear, running out convincing 6-0 winners with goals from Pryde, Johnson, Lewis Ingram, Ross John to add to a brace from Meddins, while Aaron Noor-Mohamed was also very close to making it 7-0 before the final whistle.

The B team, consisting mainly of year seven boys, made a good start in against Whitchurch 'B', but ultimately came out on the wrong side of a 1-0 scoreline after the competing very strongly,

with some good season.

Meanwhile, the second travel to Whitchurch looking to open their account and the third XI kickstart their league campaign away at Swansea University. Due to the withdrawal of Lampeter from the league, the fourth XI no longer have a fixture, but many of their number will tune up for the belated start to their campaign as the veterans side take on old rivals Whitchurch in a rare "in-season" encounter at Stanwell school on Sunday.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d.stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

Three Penarth Hockey Club sides are in action this weekend, with the thirds joining in with their first taste of league competition. The first host second-placed Swindon at Stanwell school (1.45pm start) in an early top-of-the-table clash between two sides who scored 11 goals without reply on the opening weekend of the

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On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

VALE Arabian horse racing trainer Delyth Thomas had plenty to smile about at Chelmsford City Racecourse after her two runners in The Royal Cavalry of Oman Bronze Final finished first and second in a photo finish.

Her six-year-old *Callmay*, ridden by champion rider Simon Walker, beat stable companion *Kayclaire* partnered by Charlie Price by the minimum official distance a nose.

Mrs Thomas told me: "It was so close I thought they would have given a dead-heat which would have been ideal as neither deserved to lose."

Callmay, a 5-1 chance, took the first prize of £1,000 and *Kayclaire* who won £400 for finishing second went off at odds of 7-1.

Kayclaire's rider Charlie Price confirmed his position as ARO Champion Novice Rider when winning the £1,250 Royal Cavalry of Oman Silver Final on another of Delyth Thomas' horses, stable star *Noble Athlete*, who scored by three lengths from *Shaama* at odds of 5-1.

Noble Athlete, who, at 14 is nine years older than the runner-up, was ridden by point-to-point rider Charlie Price, who said: "Once I had a couple of winners, the championship was my aim. I'd never sat on a horse until I went to the British Racing school when I was 16."

"I've been at Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard for two and a half years and I'm now an amateur jockey. I had my first ride for him a few weeks ago. He's been very supportive and was really impressed that I had seven rides today. I'm looking forward to riding Arabians again next year."

Mrs Thomas, who has enjoyed a prolific season, was runner-up in the Owners' Championship and third in the Trainers' Championship and was rewarded by *Callmay* securing the Purebred Arabian Championship.

Having taken a while to come to herself, she scored three wins on the bounce at the start of the season for Walker and produced a gritty performance to win again on her final

start. Runner-up on three wins apiece were her stablemates *Kayclaire* and *Noble Athlete*.

Mrs Thomas wasn't the only Welsh owner/trainer to have plenty to smile about as the feature event, The Royal Cavalry of Oman Gold Final, went to Ebbw Vale's Wayne Bull's *Parma T*, ridden by Pontypool's Morgan Winstone.

Palma T, the 5-2 favourite and trained by Mr Bull's son Chris, proved too speedy for Naar.

MOSS STREET WINS

PARK LANE RACE

Vale trainer John Flint has had some heart-stopping moments on the racecourse this season.

It seems that most of his wins have been decided by the photo-finish camera, and at Brighton last Thursday his six-year-old Moss Street, ridden by Daniel Muscutt, won the Park Lane Group Handicap (Division 1) over one mile and two furlongs by a neck from the bottom-weighted favourite *Purple Party*.

The versatile *Moss Street*, a winner on the flat and over hurdles, was returned at odds of 8-1.

TIM'S FIVE-TIMER

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan has been in cracking form of late and last Sunday he had a five-timer - which I think I am right in saying is his first - when *Bucking the Trend* and *Chakista* scored at Uttoxeter, *MakeTheDifference* and *Spectator* took the two opening races at far flung Kelso and *Bells Of Ailsworth* won for him at Huntingdon.

MakeTheDifference, a 5-1 chance and *Spectator*, the 6-4 favourite, were both ridden by T J O'Brien with the former winning by 11 lengths and the latter by three-and-a-quarter lengths.

Bucking The Trend a 5-1 shot and *Chakista* the 5-2 joint-favourite were both ridden by Alan Johns and *Bells Of Ailsworth* the top weighted 2-1 favourite was partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson.

Apart from *Spectator*'s win, which was in a maiden hurdle race, the other four wins came in handicap hurdle races.

BRIAN LEE

FROM MR MAYOR TO MR PRESIDENT!



The Mayor and his consort, Nigel Gibbs, with committee members and players from Sully Sports RFC.

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Stuart Egan, will be Sully Sports RFC's president during his year of office - continuing a tradition which began in the late 1980s.

More information about the club can be found at www.sullyview.rfc.wales - the next fixture is on the October 15, Sully Sports RFC v Hirwaun RFC.

Parkrun volunteers praised by MP



Alun Cairns celebrating Ben's 100th Parkrun.

MORE than 50 joggers braved the bad weather forecast on Saturday to turn up for a 5k run at Barry Island on International Parkrun day, when every parkrun event in the world celebrates parkrun's birthday - the day when the first event was held in London's Bushy Park.

It comprised just 13 runners supported by four volunteers.

Since then, 1,803,793 people have completed a parkrun, thanks to 214,866 volunteers. The runners have run more than 90 million km (56 million miles) in 14 countries.

The Vale MP, Alun Cairns, a keen runner, described local volunteers as "brilliant people" who make the runs possible "week in week out, rain or shine."

A 2k junior parkrun is being planned in the Vale of Glamorgan.

ST NICHOLAS PRIMARY PUPILS HELP RAISE £900 FOR CANCER CHARITY



ON Friday, September 30, at St Nicholas C/W Primary School, a successful Macmillan coffee morning was organised by the school council.

Parents, grandparents and villagers attended and drank coffee, ate Fairtrade products such as cakes and biscuits and shared in an important event with their friends.

Our talented children entertained the guests with fabulous gymnastic displays, tuneful singing, a wonderfully entertaining magic show and a mesmerising cheer leader routine.

Mrs Williams, a parent of one extremely talented gymnast, stated: "Well done everyone, you all put on a brilliant show this morning."

Then followed Mrs Schoombie, our school bus escort, participating in the Shave for Brave, enlisting local hairdresser and parent Mrs Radford, to cut off her hair. It was an emotional experience and many of the children watched in stunned silence.

Olivia Goodfellow, a year-6 child, summed it up when she said: "Well done, Mrs Schoombie, you were really brave and raised money for a very good cause."

The £585 Mrs Schoombie raised, coupled with the £315 raised from the coffee morning, meant that St Nicholas proudly donated a total £900 to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Report written by Jason Downey and school councillors Violet Shelbourne and Tiana Scanlon.



Mrs Schoombie before her haircut...



... and after!



Mrs Radford presents a bouquet to Mrs Schoombie.

TOUGH DEFEAT TO TAKE FOR COWBRIDGE UNDER-14S



COWBRIDGE RFC under-14s hosted St Peters at the Police Fields on Sunday morning, having not played the week before as Baglan had called off at the last minute.

Cowbridge had a full strength squad and were keen to run the ball with the wind behind them in the first half.

Within 10 minutes,

after a bullocking run by prop Max Hall, Jack Reilly, who had a commanding game, at scrum half, completed the move with a strong 5 metre burst to the line, outpacing the St Peters cover. The conversion was just wide.

Shortly after, Jakob Thiesen kicked and dribbled a loose ball 60 metres down the touchline, and was unlucky not to score, as the ball frustratingly just ran dead before he could reach it.

The Cowbridge team dominated the first half with strong running from David Harris, Lloyd Bennett and Louis Decaux, and some excellent running and committed tackling by Ellis Greenwood, Charlie Lock and Luke Gregory.

Shortly after kick off, Ellis Greenwood ran a 'chip and chase' and was just held up over the line. Cowbridge should have scored from the resultant scrum, but squandered a four-man overlap and then turned the ball over to St Peters, who cleared.

Cowbridge continued to attack, but were met with good defence from the opposition, which frequently turned the ball over.

With 10 minutes to

go, St Peters had their only meaningful attack of the match, and some tired tacklers let their strong-running centre touch down under the posts to give an easy conversion.

The game ended shortly after with the score 5-7, which was not at all reflective of Cowbridge's performance, and St Peters would consider themselves fortunate to take this win, largely against the run of play.

Cowbridge should have put this game to bed at half-time, but kicked out of hand too often, into a strong wind in the second half and gifted valuable possession away, instead of putting the ball through the hands and letting the pacey free-running backs do the work.

There were some stern words from the coaches and some disappointed players – and rightly so.

A strong performance again, but a lost opportunity to register a win over a well-regarded Cardiff side.

Cowbridge will relish the return fixture and hopefully learn from their mistakes in this match – there are some scores to settle!

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Youngsters get District call-up!

AS the readers of our weekly report would have come to realise, the Cowbridge under-11s rugby team have really come together as a squad and demonstrate in their results what good coaching and teamwork can deliver.

Every year, the school district holds trials for the District Schools under-11s team, which then compete against all the other District sides throughout Wales for the prestigious title of Welsh District Schools Champions, with the final taking place at the Principality Stadium no less.

The trials were in two stages, the first two weeks ago, with the final trial taking place last Thursday.

Out of the many hundreds of boys who play in the district, a total of

approximately 120 boys entered the first stage of the trial, which was whittled down to a final squad of 30.

The standard of rugby at the final trial was fabulous, with everyone determined to show the selectors what they could do, and I am delighted to confirm that Cowbridge had 12 boys selected for the final squad, which once again confirms the strength in depth of the entire Cowbridge squad.

The successful boys who now will go on to represent the district and hopefully go all the way to final are Joe Arentsen, Osian Bruce, James Collingridge, Jake Davies, Joe Davies, James Lord, Harry New, Ioan Phillips, Ned Rees, George Tuckley, Henry Whitehouse and Cory Williams.

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The talented gymnasts

THE DINAS POWYS GC LADIES' GOLF RESULTS

RESULTS from Dinas Powys Golf Club Ladies section are as follows:

On September 6, an 18-hole Stableford was held: first, Ann Mahenthalingam, 33pts; second, Annie Blackburn, 31 pts on back 9 from third, Sue Bridle, 31 pts.

On September 6, nine-hole Stableford: first, Chris Nelms.

On Sunday, September

18, an 18-hole Medal 9: first, Ann Mahenthalingam 86-13 = 73; second, Annie Blackburn 93-19 = 74; third, Sue Bridle 102-17 = 85.

On September 20, an 18-hole Medal 10: first, Samantha Saunders 105-34 = 71; second, Vicki Ellison 99-27 = 72; third, Carole Reeves 107-34 = 73.

On September 20, nine-hole: first, Terry Unwin; second, Angela

Thomas; third, Kit Roblin.

On September 27, 18-hole Daily Mail Foursomes Stableford: first, Lisa Ryley/Vicki Ellison 33 pts on back 9 from second Sian Smith/Max Hird 33 pt; third, Ann Mahenthalingam/Sue Bridle 31 pts.

On September 27, nine-hole Stableford: first, Pam Warne; second, Teery Unwin; third, Sally Livsey-Davies.

The ladies have successfully completed the running competitions for the season:

Bronze championship: winner, Ruth Yates; runner-up Audrey Harwood; FA Green winner Vicki Ellison; runner-up Lisa Ryley; Melrose Cup winner Vicki Ellison, runner-up Dorothy Amery, RH Seal Cup Winner Sian Smith; runner-up Ruth Yates; Seniors Cup Winner Sue Bridle; runner-up Dorothy Amery; Mary Nicholls Cup Winner Chris Nelms, runner-up Carole Reeves.

Frazer Bowl Foursomes Winners: Ann Mahenthalingam/Sue Bridle; runners-up Annie Blackburn/Vicki Ellison.

Congratulations to all our winners.

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Swimming club's busy month

SEPTEMBER was a very busy month for Barry Amateur Swimming Club.

On September 16 and 23, we held our annual 800m sponsored swim. Most of the club members took part and this involved swimming a total of 32 lengths of the pool in the shortest time for each age group.

Ellie May Bradbury won the 8 & under cup for the girls, with Harrison Martin taking the boys cup in an excellent time.

Daisy Thomas was the winner of the 10 & under cup but there were no entries for the boys in this age group. The 12 & under winners were Emilia Knevet and Aaron Belby, with Seren Russell and Iestyn Perkins winning the 14 & under trophies.

We only had one competitor in the 16 & under age group and this trophy was won by a new member to the club - Jack Hildrup.

Then, on September 25, we had an inter-club gala with the Ray Sutton Cup to be presented to the winning team.

This event was attended by two teams from Rhondda-Cynon-Taf Club and one from Rhondda Swimming Club.

Some of our senior swimmers were unable to make it to this gala and several of our newer and experienced

swimmers had a chance to swim in their first gala.

All the swimmers enjoyed the experience of swimming in a busy gala environment. The winners of the competition were the RCT A team with the Rhondda Club taking the third place.

Barry was not greatly successful in this event but we hope to build on the ability of our long and faithful members and to improve and strengthen our many new swimming members over the coming months.

We are very pleased to have accepted several new members into the club recently and hope that our membership will continue to grow in the coming months.

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Pencoed RFC's good start to the season continues



Rhys Clarke is brought down.



Dan Watkins engages the attentions of the Aberavon defenders.



Tom Cross takes the ball.



Keiron Moore breaks through the defence to cross.



Jamie Pensom scores.

PENCOED RFC continued their good start to the season with a comprehensive 59-3 victory at Aberavon.

The home side opened the scoring with a penalty goal before a dominant Pencoed scrum set up the platform for their opening try, prop forward Kieron Moore driving over following the ensuing lineout.



Jamie Dyer crosses the line.

Pencoed soon increased their lead with Rhys Vowles and Christian Powell making the initial inroads before the three moved the ball wide and full back Tom Cross floated a well-judged pass to wing Jamie Dyer who crossed in the corner; Williams converted.

Cross was soon again in the picture, straightening out a pass from centre Lloyd Bargery to race over, Williams adding the extras.

Pencoed increased their lead following good approach work and outside half Williams fed



A simple try for David Young.

Jamie Pensom, the centre doing well to take the final tackle and reach out to get the touchdown. Williams converted and Pencoed led 3-28.

The ball was then moved through several pairs of hands from the restart and scrum half Kyle Barrett timed his pass well and Williams crossed in the corner.

Pencoed were now playing with abandon and Cross triggered off a handling move featuring forwards and backs from some 70 metres out for wing David Young to apply the finish. Williams converted and Pencoed led 3-40 at the break.

With the home side reduced in number, the second half started with passive scrums and as is



Man of the match Owain Clarke prepares for a lineout.

Hat-trick hero Daniel helps fire Cefn Cribwr to victory

CEFN CRIBWR reserves entertained reigning reserve league champions Pencoed AFC at a wet and muddy Cae Gof.

After a delay to the kick off and much debate as to whether the pitch was playable or not, it finally kicked off 15 minutes later than scheduled.

Pencoed had the better of the early exchanges and took the lead with a well-worked goal which the centre forward slotted away well.

Cefn tried and succeeded to play some nice football and created a chance through striker Jon Tossell who couldn't convert from close range. Cefn created chances and wasn't long before

young striker Daniel Harris-James latched onto the end of a through ball, rounded the keeper and tucked away to make it 1-1 just on the stroke of half-time.

Harris-James carved an opportunity from nothing and scored, giving Cribwr the lead.

Pencoed, as expected, came flying out of the blocks and penned Cefn back, asking questions of their back four. Cefn's keeper Mike Dimond pulled off a superb save which fell to the Pencoed striker who didn't fail with his second chance.

Pencoed piled on the pressure and pushed forward which looked to be working until Cefn broke with the ball wide and some lovely one-touch football paved the way

for Bridgend College youngster Harris-James to grab his first hat-trick of the season.

Cefn, with a spring in their step, then put the visitors to the sword with a further goal from stand-out performer Harris-James.

Cefn reserves have a well-deserved week off this week while our Alliance League outfit entertain Cardiff Airport and our development XI entertain Llanharan, both at Cae Gof.

Cefn Cribwr are always looking to welcome new players from junior age groups, six-12 years old and senior players alike - contact to the club via Twitter, @cefncribwr1.



Sam Grabham (with Nathan Young in support) races away. PICTURES BY MIKE SULLY

TONDU RFC BLOW AWAY RESOLVEN

RIGHT from the start of this encounter it was clear who had the upper hand as Tondy piled on the early pressure and went ahead with a Josh Tatchell penalty on the 10 minute mark.

Despite relentless pressure the home side could not break down a solid Resolven defence, and it was the 33rd minute before Tatchell kicked a second penalty.

Owen Evans replied with a penalty for the visitors before an injury time try for Tondy, a wonderful break by stand-in outside half Josh Tatchell put centre David Povey in for a great try.

Tatchell added the two points to give his side a 16-3 half-time lead.

The second half was almost all Tondy - there was plenty for the home coaching team to be pleased about as their side took control, and a 62nd minute try for



Action from the game.



Try time for David Povey.

replacement hooker Jake Lewis, converted by Tatchell, effectively sealed the game for Tondy.

The last try was another masterpiece with some fine handling from the backs and this time it was centre David Povey

that made the telling break to send wing Sam Grabham crashing over under the posts for Tatchell to convert.

Another fine win for Tondy who travel to Llanharan on Saturday for a SWALEC plate tie, kick off 2.30pm. **MS**

Porthcawl RFC round-up

A rearranged fixture for Porthcawl under-11s saw them travelling to Briton Ferry, a team we have never played, which would be a useful exercise on a very bright, warm October morning.

Briton Ferry had far too much possession and led 10-0 at the break.

The second half saw us with better possession and we were beginning to look threatening.

Briton Ferry scored twice with two breakaway efforts during

our best period of play. Straight from the kick off we applied a lot of pressure to our opponents and Rhys Hibbert was able to break free with a powerful run into the corner for our first and only try of the day.

Briton Ferry picked up a try right at the death to give them what on paper looks like a very convincing win; the reality is that there wasn't a lot between these two teams and perhaps we didn't get the breaks we deserved. Final score 25-15 to Briton Ferry.

JASON PARKER PORTHCAWL UNDER-10S 12, MAESTEG UNDER-10S 33

We started this game so well, moving the ball out wide and scoring in the corner and our defence was quick off the mark, pushing Maesteg back, then Maesteg got on top.

Lex was one of the only players charging up in the line and he tackled and rucked all day and did really well and

picked up the making the difference award.

Ben has improved week after week and not only made some great tackles but he also had a few runs with the ball - well done Ben, who picked up the clubman award for his efforts.

Pushing him close today was Joel who stepped up his game with a couple of runs and tackles, and the new boys Reuben and Max - for their first game they did really well.

Top tackler/rucker was Dexter, who was one of the few willing to hit their ruck and gave another strong performance. Top try scorer was shared between Scott and Matt.

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In the under-7s, Porthcawl and Maesteg Celtic drew 8-8, while in the under-9s Porthcawl beat Maesteg Celtic 45-20. The under-12s' game saw Porthcawl win 31-5 against the same opposition, while the under-13s were 50-0 winners against Kenfig Hill.

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REES

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Peacefully on October 2 at The Barry Hospital, Joan Hilda, aged 84 years, previously of Colcot, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Maurice John. Cherished grandmother of Cara, Tracy and great grandmother of twins Shona and Louise, Shaleigh and Gethin.

Joan will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.
Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Thursday, October 13. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, where family and friends please meet 11am. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Wales Air Ambulance service. Black attire not requested.

GRIGG

Karen (Née Hunt)

Peacefully but suddenly at Llandough Hospital, Karen, formerly of Barry Girls Grammar School. Beloved wife of Derek, much loved mum to Stephanie, Jamie and their partners. A cherished nan to Abi and Ben and special sister of Janis and Teri.

Karen will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.
Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, October 14 at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Karen's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received will support Cancer Research Wales. Family request colourful clothing be worn. (Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962)

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To Kate Weston humanist for conducting the funeral service with such warmth, dignity and love, thank you.

Many thanks to A.G. Adams & Sons funeral directors.

Last but not least, thank you for your generous donations to The Coastguards.

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Diana Joan

Diolch! - Thank you!

Alan, David, Erin and all of Diana's family wish to thank the medical and nursing staff at the Princess of Wales Hospital, on the Acute Medical Assessment Unit, on Ward 8, but most especially to those on Ward 20.

To the District Nurses who cared so wonderfully for Diana while she was at home and to all of the team at Rosemont Funeral Home in Bridgend, especially to Helen and the exceptional Natalie!

Our thanks also go to the staff at Coychurch Crematorium, to the Rev. Phil Denyer, who led a wonderful service in celebration of Diana's life, ably assisted by lending their voices to the singing, The Cremtones! Also thanks to Tondy Cricket Club who so capably "fed and watered" us during the afternoon!

Finally, our thanks go to all who attended Diana's funeral and gave so very generously to a fund that was split between Y Bwthyn Newydd and the Patient's Amenities Fund for Ward 20, both at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

In Memory

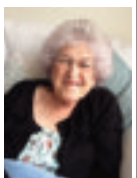
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Doreen Olive
10th October 2015

In loving memory of a beautiful Mum, Nan and Great-Nanny, taken away a year ago today. Still loved and missed so very much and forever in our hearts.

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Treasured memories of my dear sister Doreen and the love we both shared in Jesus.

Your loving brother David xx

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Kerry
2nd October 2015

It's been a year since you passed away, and I miss you each and every day, my soul mate you will always be, because you mean the world to me, love you forever your soul leaves me never.

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Rhodri Dafydd
11.10.1997

Another birthday has arrived, '19' you are today, we think of you as always, and remember the joy and happiness you gave. No words can describe the sadness within us, but we hope this message gets to you, each night we close our eyes, we are one day closer to you. Keep each other warm, we hope the angels know what they have.

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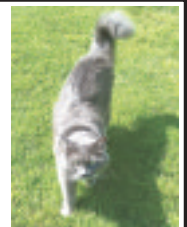
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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/01110/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed conversion and loft conversion to existing property to form 3 self contained apartments and construction of new detached dwelling 33, Station Road, Penarth

Location:/Lleoliad: Affecting the Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig
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Proposal/Cynnig: To re-paint the shop front at 9 Windsor Road, Penarth. The building is a Victorian era Grade II listed building
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Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

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Proposal/Cynnig: New garden wall to enclose and secure garden
Location:/Lleoliad: Cliff Farm House, Lane - Aberogwrn Farm to Kenyon Hill, Llancafnan

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Cliff Farmhouse, Grade II

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwryd o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/01134/FUL
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Dated / Dyddiedig: 6 October, 2016

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry CF63 4RT

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Section 34
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Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

NAME OF APPLICANT: Richard Morris
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES: Tayst, Unit 2, Heol Tŷ Gwyn Industrial Estate, Maesteg, Bridgend, CF34 0BQ.

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The Saints thrash Glenbrook to make progress in Barry Cup

ST ATHAN thrashed Glenbrook by double digits to cruise into the quarter-finals of the Barry Cup and set up a mouthwatering clash with Vale United.

Saints hit an incredible 12 goals, with Leigh Lewis and Josh Morgan scoring hat-tricks, doubles from Karl Steel and Tony Pugh, and one each from James Austin and Joe Laing.

St Athan pressed early on with Garrison, Morgan and Lewis seeing shots well saved by the home keeper. Glenbrook struck back with a shot over on the quarter-hour mark.

Saints finally made the breakthrough on 18 minutes as Leigh Lewis cut on his right foot and curled in the opener.

This was the catalyst and St Athan doubled their lead two minutes later. Mortimore started the move at the back, found Laing who exchanged passes with Steel to put him in to score his first goal for the club since his move from Cadoxton Barry.

Saints were coming forward in waves now and Austin saw his low strike well-saved by the veteran keeper, before Lewis blazed over minutes later.

There were more heroics from the home keeper with a double save from Austin and Steel but St Athan soon had a third. Again the move starting at the back as Humphreys found Steel, and his low cross was pin point for Lewis to fire in his second of the game. Garrison and Lewis saw efforts

just over the bar late in the half before Steel bagged his second of the game as he cut in from the left and unleashed a right footer into the net from distance.

Saints went in 4-0 up and Tony Pugh was introduced off the bench.

Pugh almost made an immediate impact and saw a shot blocked. Saints were encouraged to get the ball down and play.

This philosophy paid off as intricate midfield play saw Laing play in Lewis who buried the ball for his hat-trick.

St Athan were in firm control, Jonathan Ashton was brought on and it was his pull back that found Pugh who stabbed the ball into the net for 6-0.

The away side once again began their move at the back for number seven; keeper Paul Lucas found Ashton, he played in Morgan and his low cross was turned in by Austin, a deserved goal for the hard-working midfielder.

Ashton was once again provider for Pugh as his pull back was well-finished by the forward with a neat side-footed effort into the corner of the net.

It was cloud nine for Saints soon after as Ashton this time played in Morgan who proceeded to finish delightfully with a low driven shot across the keeper.

Double figures was achieved as Morgan bagged his second, with Mortimore beginning the move and, exchanging passes with Laing, he played in Morgan who outpaced the defence to finish.

Lewis turned provider for number 11 as he teed up Morgan who cruised into the area to sidefoot past the keeper. Lucas had a very quiet game but was forced into claiming a Glenbrook strike late on.

The icing on the cake was a rare goal from midfield engine Joe Laing, as Lewis squared the ball to him on the edge of the area and the midfielder proceeded to curl ball in to compete the rout.

St Athan sailed into the quarter-finals with ease with goals coming from all over the team. The draw saw Saints get Premier Division leaders Vale United in the undoubtedly tie of the round in early November.

St Athan: Lucas, Robinson, Ball, Mortimore, Humphreys, Garrison, Laing, Austin, Steel, Lewis, Morgan. Substitutes: Pugh, Ashton.

St Athan B unfortunately lost 4-2 to Penarth Town B - Colin George and Alex Harry got the goals.

St Athan B: Stock, Butcher, Howells, Morgans, Cleave, Pickering, Skitinis, Rogers, Harry, George, Watson. Substitutes: Morgan, Wolfe, Pope, Keen.

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Vale United negotiate tricky cup tie against plucky Saints

VALE UNITED eventually ran out comfortable winners against plucky underdogs, Barry Saints, despite going behind twice in an action-packed first half of this Barry Cup tie.

United once again made numerous changes, giving understudy goalkeeper Jamie Ralph his second start of the season, while Gareth Owen, Rhys Davies and Phil Caseley all starting, the latter having returned from a rib injury.

There was also a first start since returning from injury for Alex Gregory.

United's preparation wasn't ideal from the outset, with coach and midfield lynchpin Matt Hobbs unable to make the game on time.

This meant Vale were robbed of the chance to do some much-needed ball work prior to the game and this warmup, or lack of one, seemed to hinder the away team and they started sloppily, unable to adapt to the sodden pitch that seemed to suit the hosts.

The game was barely 10 minutes old when a momentary lapse of concentration from captain Richard Evans saw him mis-control the

ball and in attempting to make up for his error, inadvertently diverted the ball into the path of the Saints' number 9, who wasted no time in an unleashing a powerful drive that crashed in off the underside of the bar and sent the home crowd into absolute raptures.

The hosts' tails were now up and the Premier Division leaders looked shell-shocked.

However, somewhat undeservedly, they clawed their way back into the game from a set-piece, the impressive Gregory seeing his corner find its way through a crowded box and into the back of the net.

Onlookers assumed that this would be the start of the much-anticipated walkover but, incredibly, it was the third tier team who went back in front, some slack defending from the Vale defence allowing the Saints' striker a one-on-one with keeper Ralph and he finished with aplomb to put his side back in front.

Unfortunately for the minnows, they were once again pegged back fairly swiftly, a piece of magic from diminutive Scotsman Jay Tominey seeing him lob the stranded goalkeeper from fully 30 yards.

It was an audacious effort from the January

recruit, a clear sign of the confidence he's currently playing with, though much credit should be given to veteran centre-half Steve Harris for his defence-splitting pass.

This seemed to finally settle the visitors and not long after, it was Tominey who turned provider, picking out the impressive Gregory, who provided an astute first-time finish to grab his first goal for the club.

Not long after, Vale bagged a fourth - club stalwart James Davies netting his first goal of the season, a thumping header into the top corner following another corner from Gregory.

This knocked the stuffing out of the home team, who had expended a lot of energy in staying in the game up until that point.

As the half-time whistle blew, the score stood at 2-4, though, unbelievably, it would have been the home team happiest with their performance.

The Vale players were left in no uncertain terms of their manager's horror at the first half performance and they were swiftly sent back out onto the pitch to try and make amends.

The second half saw the introduction of Tom Hopkin and the returning Dan Hanson, who added

some fresh impetus and they soon scored a fifth. This time, Gregory returned the favour for his fellow frontman, Tominey, who confidently slotted the ball home to grab his second of the game.

As conditions underfoot worsened, so did the quality of the play, although the sixth goal was a real contender for goal of the day and totally out of keeping with the rest of the half.

Veteran utility-man Ben Lee, making his first appearance of the season after coming on for Nathan Jenkins up front, provided the assist with an exquisite dinked pass, with Dan Hanson superbly volleying in first time from the edge of the box to give the scoreline a rather flattering look.

Neither team threatened for the rest of the game, with the weather putting paid to any thoughts of trying to play any type of passing football.

Vale were, eventually, safely through, though all the positives will come from the scoreline rather than the overall performance.

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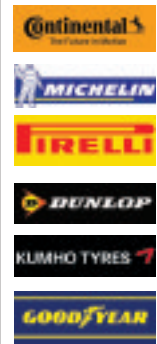
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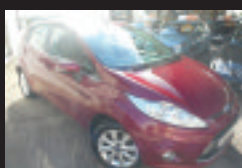
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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

IT was Barry Cup weekend in the Vale league this weekend, and the big upset of the day saw Cadoxton Barry, second bottom of Division One, dump Premier Division Dinas Powys Athletic out 4-1.

Rhoose defeated SP Billy 5-4 in a thriller while the other Premier Division sides avoided upsets.

Vale United won 6-2 over Barry Saints, Penarth Town edged out Cadoxton Athletic 2-1, Cowbridge Town triumphed over Cogan 4-2 and Island Marine inflicted the first defeat of the season on Cadoxton Imps 2-1.

St Athan and Barry Belgrade both progressed against Glenbrook and BVFC by large margins.

The quarter-final draw was made and it threw up some intriguing ties, Cadoxton Barry's reward for their upset is a trip to Island Marine, Penarth host Rhoose, while Barry Belgrade go to Cowbridge looking to pull off an upset - but tie of the round must be St Athan hosting Vale United.

In league action this week Barry Athletic went second in the Premier Division with a 4-0 win over Tynenydd.

In the First Division, Athletic's B team went top of the league with a 2-1 victory over Cardiff Airport;

Sully Sports held FC Pumas 2-2.

There were three games in the Second Division, as Rhoose B finally picked up their first win and points of the season with a 3-2 win over Barry Albion, Island Marine triumphed 4-1 over FC Pumas B and Penarth B continued their good form beating St Athan B 4-2.

It's back to full league action this week, and games of the day look like being Rhoose vs St Athan in the Premier Division, Cogan vs Dockers in the First Division and Penarth B vs BVFC in the Second Division.

HD

Ladies enjoy busy summer at Cottrell Park Golf Club

THE summer has passed in a whirl of events with beautiful sunshine and guests being treated to great golf and hospitality.

July saw the ladies open day and August witnessed the members and guests day - both were very well attended and enjoyed by all.

On July 8, the ladies exchanged their golf hats, styled up and headed for another sporting event at the Chepstow Races ladies day. Strawberries and cream, accompanied by a glass or two of Pimms, were the order of the day.

The ladies mingled with their four legged friends or foe depending on the race results. There were winners and losers returning home with joyful stories of a lovely summer's evening spent at the races.

September 25 brought the three day away trip, this year to Tenby's quiet countryside for a stay at Trefloyne Manor with its lovely golf course.

The first challenge was a team event but the weather was not kind and it was completed in chilly winds and rain.

The winning team were Chris Evans,



Jennifer Thomas and Helen Evans.

It was closely contested and following them into second place were Helen Poole, Angela Padfield and Lorraine Pounton-Bell.

On day two the bad weather closed in and the rain rendered the course unplayable. Spirits undaunted, the ladies headed out to visit Tenby and Narberth.

Scenery was viewed through a mist but coffee and cakes did the trick and replenished flagging spirits. Evening meals at the orangery restaurant in Trefloyne were always

something to look forward to and the hotel staff did all in their power to make this an enjoyable stay.

On day three the drizzling rain continued but golf had to be played and The Lady Cottrell Trophy had to be won.

For the second year running the trophy was awarded to the lady captain herself, Sian Lovell. In second place was Helen Evans and third was Tina Morgan.

Nearest the pin was also won by Tina Morgan and the longest drive went to Helen Poole.

This year a nine hole

competition was contested and the result was first Margaret Rees, second Regina Drew and third Eluned Rees.

September 29 saw Ryder Cup fever hit Cottrell Park. The ladies divided into European and USA teams in a four ball, better ball competition. Although rigorously fought, on this occasion it was won by the USA teams.

Finally, the coffee morning on the first Monday of every month for past and present members continues to be well attended and enjoyed.

RD

Island Marine's slice of kit!



ABOVE: The Island Marine under-14s Yellow would like to thank Carlos of Carlos Piza and Kebab Barry for providing their playing kit for the 2016/2017 season. The team train on a Tuesday evening with their coach Rory Price.

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LLANTWIT Major Lasers would like to say a massive thank you to their sponsors The Farmer's Pantry, Beyers Biltong and A La Carte Hire for the generous support and fantastic new kit the team are now sporting.

The Llantwit Major Lasers came together in March this year and entered into the Cardiff & District Social Netball tournament, which they won. The team were invited to a presentation evening in June where they were presented with their medals and trophy by professional Welsh boxer Craig Kennedy.

Throughout the summer the Llantwit

Lasers competed in the Vale of Glamorgan Summer League and won 11 matches, lost one and drew one, resulting in a third place position which is fantastic for a new team and first summer season together.

Throughout the winter season the team will be focusing on developing the Llantwit Major Netball Club while competing in a social league locally.

If you would like to get involved in any way, whether it be playing, sponsorship or just general support, please find and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

If you are female and 13 years of age or over, please come down and join us for training on Wednesdays from 7pm.

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ABOVE and BELOW: The Llantwit Major Lasers show off their new kit thanks to the support of The Farmer's Pantry, Beyers Biltong and A La Carte Hire.



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Lydia gets Wales netball call-up

LYDIA HITCHINGS has made the final 12 for the Wales under-21 squad to face England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland at the Netball Europe Youth Championship 2016.

"It will be great to welcome the other nations to our wonderful city and hopefully we will get some advantage from playing at home at the Welsh Institute of Sport, Sophia Gardens, where we are familiar with the court and facilities. We are also looking forward to a vocal Welsh support that will include our families and friends," said Lydia.

Cardiff will host the event on October 7-9 at the Sport Wales Centre, Sophia Gardens. The matches are World Youth Cup qualifying matches and there for a particularly historic event as this will be the first time Wales has ever hosted qualifying matches for the Netball World Youth Cup. All countries will secure their place at



Botswana 2017.

Welsh Netball's chief executive, Sarah Jones, commented: "It is an honour to welcome the best players from across the UK under the age of 21 to Wales. It will be a very special event for the young players, who

are all looking forward to confirming their place at next year's World Youth Cup.

"The weekend's competition will provide a very exciting atmosphere, and we invite Wales to enjoy netball of the highest standard and to get behind the Welsh team by joining us in Cardiff."

Head of elite performance at Welsh Netball, Trish Wilcox, commented: "The squad is a mixture of experienced players and some new faces. The players have been working hard on their individual and squad training programmes and are now ready for the competition ahead.

"To be a part of an international tournament will be an unforgettable experience for them all and the players and coaches are looking forward to the challenge and welcoming the other under-21 teams and their supporters to our beautiful capital city."

Canton Prince lands hat-trick!

CANTON PRINCE, trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthorn, made it three wins on the bounce when landing the Roa/Racing Post Owners's Jackpot Novices' Hurdle at Worcester.

Partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson, Canton Prince, who was made the 13-8 favourite, won by eight lengths from Linguine.

Twenty-four hours earlier at far flung Perth, Vaughan saw his Mad Money, with Johnson again in the saddle, romp home some 11 lengths clear of the top-weighted

Queens Bay in the Weatherbys Private Bank Handicap Chase.

Former Welsh point-to-pointer Mad Money, a winner of its previous race, went off the 2-1 favourite in a field of nine runners.

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Good weekend for Porthcawl RFC teams!

PORHCRAWL RFC travelled to Banwen, in a reversal of venues at the request of the home side, coming away with the best win of the season so far, playing some glorious rugby.

The match couldn't have started better for the Seaweeds as their pack got on top very early and a penalty try inside as many minutes, converted by Josh White, triggered an afternoon of free-scoring at 0-7.

When mercurial centre Gareth Rees, already outstanding this season, sensed the opportunity within his own 22, he broke clear and with his sheer speed proving unassailable, covered the length of the pitch for a superb individual try, again improved by White and at 0-14 the foundation was set.

Banwen are a tough nut to crack at home though, constantly taking the game to the opposition and are a young but useful side.

They responded accordingly as Owen Davies secured a deserved try, converted by Mike Smith and they held the visitors to 7-14 at the break.

The second half really saw Porthcawl turn the screw however, as they started to put together rugby of outstanding quality. Skipper Richard Hnyda, having a good

season so far at lock, got on the scoresheet with a driving try, converted by White for 7-21, followed by hooker Jack Williams whose try was again improved by White's outstanding kicking and suddenly 7-28 was more reflective of the visitors' superiority.

Hnyda's young side has grown into this season early and has only been complemented further by the outstanding Ross Parsons, returned from playing in France, and with his rampant pack assuming full control, he took the match for his own with a brilliant second half performance.

In three similar situations, Parsons, so strong on his feet, with a swift service and a multitude of skills, put his stamp on matters, grabbing the final three scores himself with a superb hat-trick of tries.

With White again unflinching converting all three for a faultless kicking performance, it ended at 7-49 to Porthcawl, whose overall display drew much praise, even from home supporters and coaches.

With the team having notched up 143 points in just four league matches, coach Rhys James has got his side working as a complete unit and seven converted tries against Banwen tells its own story.

The only loss for Porthcawl this season has been to Bridgend Sports

by 17-20 in the first match, so how fascinating that the two sides have been drawn against each other this coming Saturday in the next round of the WRU Bowl at the Bandstand Field, for what could be an absolute cracker.

PORHCRAWL SECONDS 5, MAESTEG QUINS SECONDS 14
It is several seasons since Porthcawl managed to field a second XV let alone play in the league.

However, with Nantymoel having pulled out of the competition, Porthcawl have stepped in and took on the fixture against the First Division Quins' second string at South Road.

In a superbly entertaining match, the Seaweeds side did themselves great credit and forced the more experienced Quins into a tussle for the spoils.

The first half failed to produce any points as the physically smaller home stood toe to toe with the visitors and threw everything into the match with some good attacking rugby allied to strong defence.

The Quins' greater strength told in the second half as they secured a converted pushover try from a maul after 60 minutes and improving on this with a second some 10 minutes later, again converted, for 0-14 but with Porthcawl pushing them all the way in effort.

With the likes of the returning James Wheatley and Ian O'Keefe setting the example upfront, it was no surprise, nor undeserved, when the outstanding Sion Dunkley secured a home try from a great drive for 5-14, which is how it stayed.

The result stands Porthcawl seconds in good stead for the rest of this season, at a time when many clubs are struggling to put out a second string, and is a reflection on the good rugby feeling in the club once more.

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Bridgend Town Juniors get financial boost



BRIDGEND Town Juniors FC have received an injection of funds from Barratt Homes.

Providing opportunities for children to play football in a safe environment, the club has around 200 youngsters training and playing on a weekly basis - and now Barratt will sponsor teams involving under-12 to under-18 ages over the next few years.

"I'm delighted that Barratt Homes is sponsoring Bridgend Town Juniors FC," said treasurer, Deryck Evans. "It's support will provide much-needed kit for our young players, and means we can continue to encourage them to enjoy the game and develop fit and healthy lifestyles."

"In years to come,

we will donate our used kits to charity - for use by underprivileged children in developing countries."

Barratt sales director, Richard Lawson said: "We have a number of developments near to where the club is based and are very happy to lend our support to Bridgend Town Juniors FC."

"Building strong relationships within our local community is extremely important to us. Football plays a major role in the development of young people from all walks of life, and we feel our support at grass roots level lays the foundations for success of the teams - and for those who play for them."

"I wish all the players huge success over the course of the coming seasons."

Tondu's Alex eyes the England test team

AFTER a successful season with the bat for Wales Women, Tondu teenager Alex Griffiths believes a winter trip to Sri Lanka can boost her hopes of progressing to the England side.

The 14-year-old has already impressed England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) scouts and was called for a trial with the Western Storm's Academy just a few weeks ago. She now has already has her sights set on the biggest stage.

Alex heads to the sub-continent with Wales under-19s in February, and hopes it

will be a stepping stone to her ultimate ambition.

"That's my final goal, to represent England. The Sri Lanka trip will hopefully start my season off well."

"It's pretty exciting, I can't wait to go. It's in February, so when we get back we'll have a couple of months off, but hopefully by May I'll be ready to kick on and have a season like last year."

"I'm on my way there with England, they've already asked me to trial for the Western Storm. I haven't heard anything back from them yet, but hopefully it'll be good news."

"There were players up to age 18 or 19, so I was one of the youngest girls there. I don't really

mind that atmosphere now, I play with the women so I'm quite comfortable playing with people that are older than me, I'm used to it."

Despite her age, Alex made her Wales Women debut in May as they took on Billerica CC. Throughout May and June, she went on to score 293 runs at an average of 48.8, including a stellar performance in Wales Women's first appearance at the SSE SWALEC Stadium for 11 years.

"I think this year the performance that sticks out was playing for the Wales Women's side, at the Swalec," she added.

"It was a big game for us, we were playing the MCC and I opened and I scored 81, so I was very pleased with that performance."

"I've played a lot this year with the under-15s, under-17s and with the women, and I think I've played well in all of them - the best I could. I think my season has gone really well this year, I've had a couple of good knocks."

SSE's Next Generation programme partners with SportsAid to provide financial support and training to the sports stars of the future. Keep up to date with the latest @SSENextGen.

PHIL JONES

Bridgend DFC to hold fundraising evening

ON Saturday, October 29, Bridgend Disabled Football Club are hosting a fundraising evening at Bridgend Athletic Rugby to help raise money for their disabled and mental health football teams and go towards buying our own mini bus.

The evening will start at 7pm and will include a speech by ex-Wales and British Lions international John Devereux, an auction, raffle, music and buffet. Tickets are £5 for children and £10 for adults and everyone is welcome to come along and support us.

If you are able to help this family run club by donating an auction or raffle prize to help build a better future for this club, we would like to hear from you - please email bridgenddfcinclusivesports@outlook.com or call 07498 505228.

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BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

THE President's Cup and charity evening will be held on Friday, October 14, with cheese and wine being provided.

The evening will be a pro/am format, with more experienced players partnered with improver/intermediate level players, pairings to be determined on the night.

The evening will be an agreeable social event, with the added exciting element of competitive bridge. All are welcome to what will be a very enjoyable evening - the named charity this year is the Samaritans.

RECENT RESULTS

The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, September 28: First, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; second, Andy Robertshaw and Bill Turner; third, Glenda Roberts and Debbie Richards. The winners on handicap were Andy Robertshaw and Bill Turner.

Thursday, September 29: First, Glyn Williams and Stuart Davies; Second, Steve Burgoyne and Maggie Ashpole; Third, David Newman and Margaret Roach. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Stuart Davies.

Friday, September 30: First, Dian Jones and John Henson;

second, John Beard and Bill Turner; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. The winners on handicap were Dian Jones and John Henson.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

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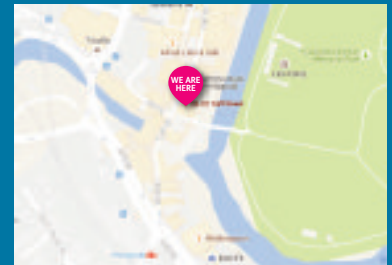
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